

Rioting in Hebron starts up again

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Fierce clashes between IDF troops and Palestinians broke out once again in Hebron yesterday and Friday, after almost a week of tense calm in the city. The IDF Spokesman said one border policeman was very lightly wounded by a stone on Friday, but did not require medical treatment. Palestinian sources claimed nine people were wounded during the two days of riots.

Yesterday, police detained 25-year-old Tatiana Soskind, of Jerusalem, after she stoned a vehicle near the Machpela Cave. Judea and Samaria Police spokesman Opher Sivan said last night that police found inciting posters in her possession, adding that she was suspected of pasting some of the posters on walls outside Palestinian stores. The posters depicted a pig, with the word Mohammed on his back, writing the Koran. Sivan said Soskind

was still in police custody and was being questioned.

Meanwhile, the IDF Spokesman said yesterday that IDF troops carrying out a routine inspection arrested a Palestinian carrying a knife near Beit Hadassah. The IDF Spokesman said the Palestinian was transferred to police for questioning.

On both days there were no Palestinian Police attempts to quell the rioters. Military sources said that the rioters were bought in from surrounding villages, strengthening the claim that the riots were organized and not spontaneous.

The rioting resumed on Friday morning when scores of Palestinians threw stones, firebombs, and three pipe bombs at IDF troops and border policemen on Shallah Street and in the casbah area, a few hundred meters from Beit Hadassah.

The rioting continued throughout the day, abating in the late

afternoon. IDF troops fired rubber bullets and gas to disperse the rioters.

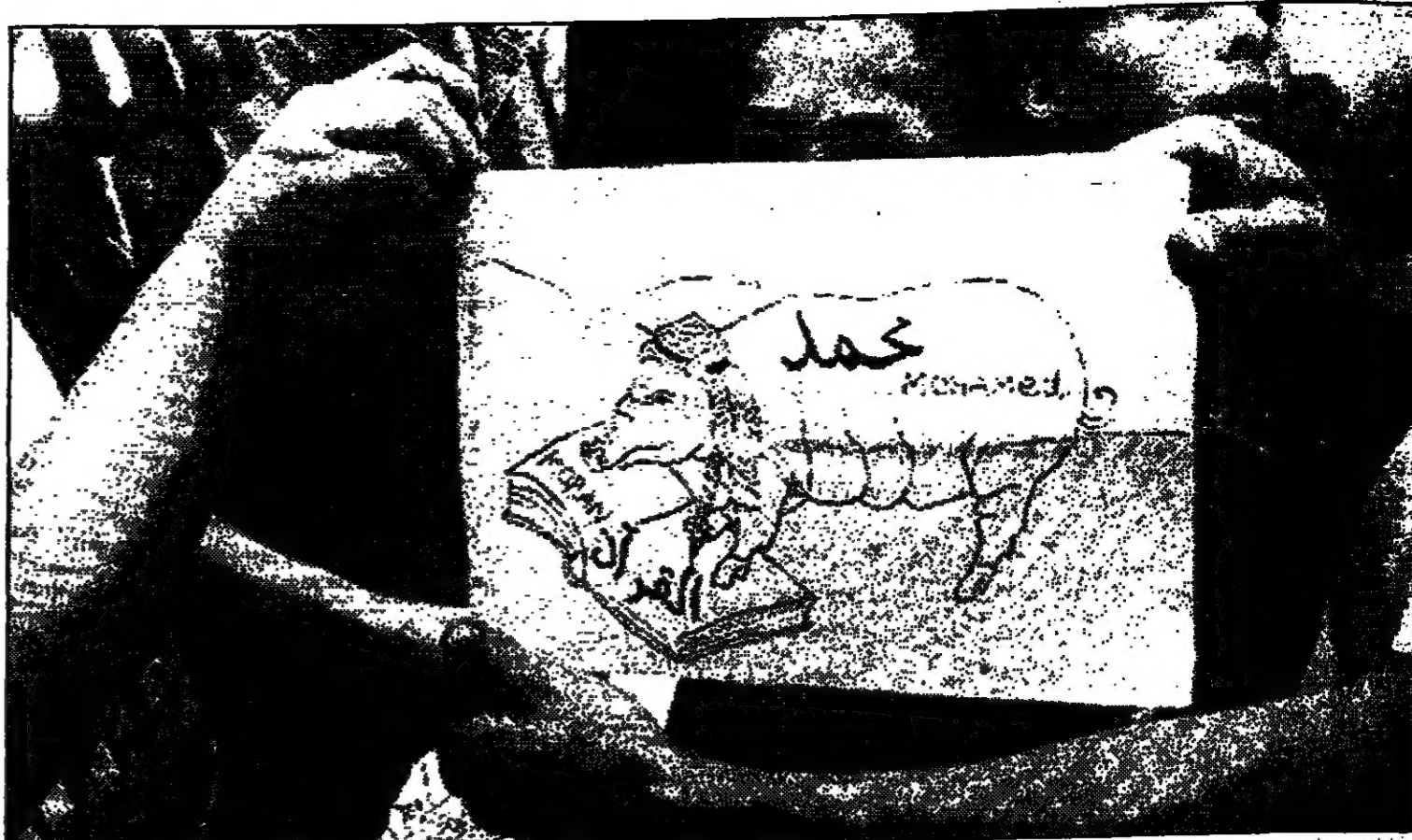
Settlers claimed approximately 50 firebombs were thrown at IDF troops and an IDF outpost near Tel Rumeida went up in flames. The IDF Spokesman, however, said a firebomb ignited near the outpost but didn't burn it.

Yesterday rioting continued in the casbah area, with Palestinians throwing firebombs and stones at IDF troops and border policemen.

Settlers reported that in the afternoon rioting, scores of stones were hurled towards Beit Hadassah, with some entering rooms inside the building. IDF soldiers fired rubber bullets to disperse the rioters.

Meanwhile, Gush Katif settlers said last night that on Saturday, Palestinians once again tore down part of the fence surrounding the hothouses at Morag.

Jon Immanuel contributed to this report.



Palestinians show a poster that appeared in Hebron yesterday depicting Mohammed as a pig writing in the Koran. Police said a 25-year-old Jewish woman from Jerusalem, detained for stoning a vehicle near the Machpela Cave, is suspected of pasting the posters outside Palestinian stores. (AP)

BACKGROUND

The violence puzzle and Sharon

By JON IMMANUEL

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat wants violence: Arafat does not want violence... That was last week's puzzle. This week's is why Ariel Sharon, the man who calls Arafat a war criminal, met with his deputy Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen).

The solution to the first puzzle depends on whom you trust more - Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, who says Arafat wants violence, or IDF Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, who says he doesn't.

The solution to the second puzzle can be explained by Sharon's assertion in *Ma'ariv* last week that only he can make peace with the Palestinians.

The government's stated proposal for a Palestinian entity on less than 50 percent of the West Bank is not unlike Sharon's own plan.

Meanwhile, violence is becoming more threatening. The Hebron protests started with stones and firebombs, but last week pipe bombs were intro-

duced and yesterday Palestinian youths threw bottles of acid which almost struck soldiers.

From Arafat's Fatah activists, the bottles passed to Hamas yesterday, after someone tried to incite a pogrom by pasting on market stalls printed pictures of a pig with the name Mohammed on his back, writing the Koran.

Ghassan Khatib, a former negotiator and astute Palestinian observer, noted that while violence can intensify in its cruelty, mass violence is hardly possible because only at a few checkpoints, especially in Hebron and near Gush Katif, is there close contact between Israeli troops and Palestinians.

He said that Arafat does not want to spark violence now, as this could help the government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu by uniting Israel when it appears divided. He prefers to let Netanyahu collapse under the weight of his own internal problems.

On the other hand, Arafat is also concerned, Khatib said, that the desertion of Netanyahu's colleagues in the Likud and the

ascendancy of Ariel Sharon will strengthen the right-wing of his party and ensure more deadlock.

The meeting with Abu Mazen reflects a Palestinian recognition of the shift to the right," he said.

In sanctioning the meeting, Arafat could have two aims: One is to show he is open to everyone; another is to further open the chasm between Netanyahu and Foreign Minister David Levy, who considers himself the chief negotiator and who did not know about the meeting, thus deepening Netanyahu's internal problems.

The feeling among Palestinians is that Arafat can live with deadlock for a while as long as the government do anything which he feels embarrasses him and requires a response.

Arafat's popularity has declined in polls, but within his own political community, he is still stronger than Netanyahu is in his community.

In short, Arafat benefits more from the threat of violence rather than by actual violence.

He told MK Salah Tarif about feeling that the situation is on the edge of "an abyss," knowing the terror of that image would be passed along.

A long period of potential violence can also serve to exonerate Arafat from giving "a green light" if and when the situation explodes.

The words "imminent explosion" are on the lips of leaders from both sides, Israeli and Palestinian, each for his own reason.

The Israeli Right wants to show that Arafat cannot be trusted, the Left wants to show that Netanyahu is leading the country to ruin, and the Palestinians want to show that the current deadlock cannot continue.

Hanegbi to head cabinet panel on government operations

By JAY BUSHINSKY

A cabinet committee to be headed by Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi will evaluate government operations in light of relevant basic laws, while a parallel ministerial unit monitors the newly adopted improvements in procedure as recommended by Education Minister Zevulun Hammer and Industry and Trade Minister Nathan Sharansky.

This decision was made at Friday's weekly cabinet meeting, in the course of which several ministers proposed that background material on issues on the agenda be given them 48 hours in

advance, and that data related to the budget be provided at least a week beforehand.

The cabinet also approved the allocation of NIS 78 million in the current budgetary year for the absorption of immigrant scientists and that NIS 6 million of the sum be granted immediately.

This program is intended to finance positions for 500 immigrant scientists to pursue their respective projects and assure their employment.

Sharansky's spokesman Roman Polonsky said these measures conform to the commitments made to Yisrael Ba'aliya when it agreed to join the coalition.

He also confirmed Sharansky's departure today for Amman for talks with his Jordanian counterpart and visits to various industrial enterprises.

Shortly after his return to Israel, Sharansky is due to confer with Palestinian Authority Deputy Chairman Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen). The meeting was cleared by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and approved by Foreign Minister David Levy, Polonsky said.

The cabinet decided to release a statement condemning the public campaign being waged against the haredi community.

"In the government's opinion,

this has entailed the spreading of unacceptable propaganda which harms an entire segment of Israel's citizenry," the communiqué said.

In anticipation of its budget deliberations, the cabinet decided to conduct a discussion on the macro-economic situation and will also consider government priorities.

At the meeting's outset, Netanyahu referred to reports in the news media about an impending outburst of politically-premeditated violence in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, contending that they were patently false.

HEBREW PRESS REVIEW MICHAL YUDELMAN

Both Netanyahus take it on the chin

It wasn't a very good week for the Netanyahus.

The media blasted Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi's attack in the Knesset on Labor leader Ehud Barak in the Tze'elim-2 affair, describing it as underhanded, dishonorable, and bound to boomerang on both Hanegbi and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who is believed to have been behind the attack.

When asked whether the prime minister knew what he was going to say, Hanegbi gave a vague, misleading answer, like the one he gave the cabinet concerning the appointment of Roni Bar-On as attorney-general, said *Ma'ariv's* Sima Kadmon. This proves, she wrote, that "from [Aharon] Barak to [Ehud] Barak, Hanegbi has learned nothing."

Yediot Aharonot columnist Nahum Barnea brings details of Hanegbi's inglorious military record, which consisted of absence from reserve duty, political activity during reserve duty (which is illegal), being kicked out of more than one unit, and being court-martialed.

Hanegbi's commanders perceived him as "mommy's spoiled brat" and a "protektionaire" whose mother, former MK Geula Cohen, called to have him excused when he got into trouble, recounts Barnea. Some of his information derived from having served in the same unit for a period.

Barnea noted that MKs from across the political spectrum regret not having done more to prevent Hanegbi's appointment as justice minister, and reminded them that the Knesset can remove a minister from office with 70 votes.

Hanegbi's assault on Barak is Netanyahu's admission that his government will collapse before the end of its term, said *Yediot*

Aharonot's Bina Barzel, who explored the feverish contacts among coalition leaders in anticipation of early elections.

Ma'ariv's Shalom Yerushalmi described the mood in the coalition before Tuesday's no-confidence motions as "hysteria." Dan Meridor's resignation sent the self-confidence in Netanyahu's bureau plummeting and increased the frantic scurrying around the "rebels" in the Likud.

Netanyahu, writes Yerushalmi, is trembling with fear that the coalition groupings against him might lead to the government's toppling. He is also afraid of his senior ministers, especially Foreign Minister David Levy, Levy and Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai are, in turn, afraid of National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon being appointed finance minister, since they don't want him as a senior political partner.

Most succinct about the situation was *Ha'aretz's* Yoel Marcus, who stated bluntly "Netanyahu must go."

In one year, Netanyahu has lost his moral and political authority, reason, and judgment, "and even his young facade is changing before our eyes to the facade of a plodding, egocentric old politician," said Marcus.

Netanyahu has reached the end of his road as prime minister for four reasons, Marcus explained. All the Likud's leaders and MKs have lost confidence in him; he is weak and open to extortion and must lavish promises, appointments, and budgets on every minister even to effect a simple cabinet reshuffle or to ensure his majority in a no-confidence vote; he is leading us to an armed confrontation with the Palestinians, while spoiling relations with the Americans. Finally,

Netanyahu is neither a leader nor an administrator and cannot solve any problem without creating half a dozen new ones.

"If any trace of the patriotism he suckled in his father's home remains, he must go now," Marcus wrote.

Wife from hell
The weekend papers brought additional gems from the prime minister's wife, Sara, who lost her temper during the recording of a TV interview and lashed out at Communications Minister Limor Livnat, Sonia and Shimon Peres, Ruth Bar (her husband's former mistress), and even interviewer Yael Dan, among others.

Netanyahu called Bar "a corrupt woman who set her sights on my husband. Show me a married man who wouldn't consent."

Speaking of cheating husbands, Netanyahu said men who cheat are scum. "But what do you want from my husband? Do you know how many men tried to have an affair with me? If I held an investigation," she said to Dan, "I'd find your husband is cheating on you, too."

Bibi is the crime and she is his punishment, wrote *Yediot Aharonot* columnist Sylvie Keshet.

In the interview with Dan, Keshet said, Ms. Netanyahu has proved how vulgar and hysterical she is. Keshet listed some of Netanyahu's scandals in the past year, from the nanny affair, through her screams at her husband in front of photographers that she's "not in the frame," waking a video technician in the middle of the night to fix the video so her kids don't drive her crazy in the morning, and so on.

Netanyahu's outburst, incidentally, was widely covered by the international media, in which she was dubbed by the *Guardian* the

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"I thought that Sharon could be a lever to promote the process if he were to change and that the best way to bring about a change would be if he met members of the PLO, got to know them, and understood that pragmatic partners for peace do exist," Darawshe said.

That the two met was in itself "a positive step," despite the differences in their positions, Darawshe said. "As a result of this meeting, the extreme right in Israel can no longer [make excuses to] avoid meetings with the PLO or try to delegitimize the organization," said Darawshe.

He said Sharon and Abbas had agreed to meet again and to help promote the peace process "in order to achieve peace and a better future for Israeli and Palestinian children."

"I believe that the meeting between Sharon and Abu Mazen will have positive results in the future," said Darawshe, adding that he hoped it would also lead to a meeting at a later stage between Sharon and Arafat.

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He contended that Arafat's hands "are soaked in blood," while those of Abbas are not. He charged that Arafat personally ordered the murder of two American diplomats, and a Belgian colleague 24 years ago, when terrorists burst into a diplomatic party at the Saudi Arabian ambassador's residence in Khartoum.

MK Abdul Wahab Darawshe (DAP) set up the meeting.

Palestinian political quarters took a cautious, if not disdainful view of the Sharon-Abbas talks.

"It shows how desperate Arafat is," a West Bank source said. "Abu Mazen wouldn't have gone unless he had Arafat's permission."

Arafat's presumed decision to authorize the meeting was attributed to his interest in "demonstrating his ability to penetrate Israel's political establishment and operate within it."

International observers interpreted Netanyahu's discreet authorization as a move meant to set the stage and create a conducive atmosphere for the resumption of final-status negotiations.

Barak meets with Gore

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak made a whirlwind visit to Washington on Friday to meet with top administration figures, much to the surprise and consternation of the Israeli Embassy.

Ambassador Eliahu Ben-Elissar found out about Barak's visit from US officials just prior to his arrival from New York and "was not very happy about it," according to an embassy official. Ben-Elissar heard from Barak "at the last minute," the embassy official said.

Barak met with Vice President

Al Gore and National Security Adviser Sandy Berger. Ben-Elissar did not participate in either meeting. Barak reportedly said he had a meeting scheduled with Berger, and that "another meeting" was not yet confirmed, to which Ben-Elissar replied that he knew the meeting was with Gore.

No details were available on the content of Barak's meetings. It is not unusual for opposition figures to come to Washington without coordinating with the embassy. Benjamin Netanyahu was a frequent visitor during the last Labor government.

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Strife-torn Albania goes to the polls

By RON POPESKI

TIRANA (Reuters) — President Sali Berisha's ruling Democratic Party and the Socialists challenging it for power drew cheering crowds to final rallies this weekend in Albania's election, each pledging to deliver the country from violence.

Hundreds of armed police surrounded Tirana's Skanderbeg Square Friday as Socialist Party chairman Fatos Nano promised a crowd of 5,000 he would end months of lawlessness triggered by the crash of a string of shady investment funds.

"Albania needs peace and calm. It needs the smiles of everybody, especially the children, mothers and sisters. No dictator will take that smile away any more," he said. "We will bring you joy, hope and the future."

Berisha urged a similar number of sometimes frenzied supporters in the same square at sunset to safeguard democracy by keeping his party in power in today's vote and shunning the Socialist "mobs" he said were responsible for the unrest.

His voice reduced to a rasping whisper as it has been throughout the final week of campaigning, Berisha predicted that "every corner of Albania will vote for us."

"Vote for your children, your expectations, your dreams, vote for integration into Europe," he said. "Vote for freedom, not for masked mobs. Not for the division of Albania the other side stands for."

Other Democratic Party leaders, standing beneath a large banner reading "Democracy yes, rebellion no," denounced Nano variously as a liar, a Stalinist and a "little Lenin."

Berisha closed his rally by setting off in a cavalcade of honking cars down Tirana's main boulevard to loud cheers.

The election is widely viewed as the last means of establishing order seven years after the fall of one of eastern Europe's most



An Italian soldier guards a polling station in the village of Lazarat, 250 km south of Albania's capital, Tirana, yesterday. (AP)

repressive communist regimes. Some 450 observers have been dispatched to oversee the vote and a 7,000-strong multinational

protection force will help keep polling stations safe. US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, in a mes-

sage read on the Voice of America radio, urged Albanians to turn out to vote "to chart a better future for your country."



Turkish prime minister-designate Mesut Yilmaz rests his hand on his son's shoulder during a visit to his school in Ankara Friday. (Reuters)

Defections bring Yilmaz closer to Turkey premiership

ANKARA (AP) — Two more deputies defected yesterday from the Islamic-led bloc in parliament, boosting the chances of a pro-secular premier-designate winning a vote of confidence.

Premier-designate Mesut Yilmaz would have a majority in the parliament if all defectors, who are listed as independents, back his government. But it is unclear if they will.

Yilmaz has been counting on defections from the True Path Party since its leader, Tansu Ciller, turned down his offer to join him in a coalition.

The resignations of Ali Uyar and Turhan Arinc increased the number of defectors from True Path to seven since Thursday.

Uyar, who joined Yilmaz's Motherland Party, said his resignation was aimed at easing the country's "political crisis."

The series of resignations came after Ciller and outgoing Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan, leader of the Islamic Welfare Party, submitted a document Wednesday to the president signed by 278 deputies backing



Tansu Ciller (AP)

their alliance.

A Welfare deputy also resigned Friday.

Yilmaz needs one vote more than his opponents to win a vote of confidence in parliament. If all the independents join him, his bloc theoretically could number 276, to 272 for the other side.

month after a year in office under pressure from the military, which sees itself as the guarantor of Turkey's secular tradition.

Yilmaz has said he would submit a cabinet list to President Suleyman Demirel by Tuesday at the latest. Once the list is approved, Yilmaz will take over the premiership from Erbakan.

Meanwhile, nine Turkish soldiers were killed when their vehicle hit a mine laid by Kurdish rebels near the southeastern city of Mardin yesterday.

One village guard, helping the troops in their fight against autonomy-seeking Kurdish rebels, was also killed in the explosion.

The incident came two days after the military declared victory in a six-week operation in northern Iraq against the rebels.

The military claimed to have killed some 3,000 rebels in northern Iraq, while losing 113 troops. The rebels disputed the figures.

Some 28,000 people have died since the rebels launched a guerrilla war for autonomy in Turkey's southeast in 1984.

Islamists slay 28 Algerian villagers

ALGIERS (AP) — Armed raiders slashed the throats of 28 villagers in two separate attacks before mutilating their bodies with axes, witnesses said yesterday.

The latest massacres in this country torn by a five-year Muslim insurgency fly in the face of the new government's promises to put an end to random bombings and killings in rural villages.

The government did not immediately confirm the deaths, reported by independent French language newspaper *El Watan*. The daily said more than 100 people have been slain in the last week.

Residents of Seghouane, around 100 kilometers south of the capital Algiers, said an armed group swept through the village overnight Thursday, leaving 22 people dead.

Locals in the village of Bourouis, 100 kilometers west of Algiers, confirmed *El Watan's* report that six farm workers were slain in a similar fashion overnight Wednesday.

The villagers refused to reveal their identities for fear of reprisals. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack, but suspicion fell on Islamic militants, whose five-year-old insurgency has left more than 60,000 people dead. More than 250 people have died in violent attacks since the beginning of the month.

President Liamine Zeroual's National Democratic Rally party won the June 5 parliamentary elections, promising to put an end to the bloodshed.

Violence between security forces and insurgents erupted in 1992, after the army canceled legislative elections that Muslim fundamentalist parties were poised to win.

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Child porn ban on 'Tin Drum' in Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA CITY (Reuters) — An Oklahoma judge's ruling that the 1979 Oscar-winning German film *The Tin Drum* has scenes of child pornography and is obscene under state law sparked a bitter dispute over censorship after police seized the film from video shops and homes.

State District Court Judge Richard Freeman ruled last week, and since then Oklahoma police have seized videos of the movie from a local library and six video stores. They also went to the homes of three people who had rented the film and asked them to hand over the tapes.

"These are Gestapo-type tactics," Joann Bell, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union in Oklahoma, said Friday. "Those individuals and the movie itself were not given due process."

The ACLU's development director, Michael Camfield, was one of the three people asked to surrender the rented video on Wednesday night and he said he was given little choice by police. Camfield said he rented the video to review its content because of the controversy.

Maj. Bill City of the Oklahoma City Police Department said all the individuals and video stores voluntarily agreed to hand in the videos. "It was not a situation where we were going to go out and kick in any doors and forcibly take tapes away from somebody," City said.

He said police would have been forced to get a warrant if anyone had refused to give up the video.

The Tin Drum, which won the Oscar for best foreign film in 1979, is an adaptation of a Gunter Grass novel about a young boy growing up in Nazi Germany. It includes a scene where the boy, aged about eight, performs oral sex on a teenage girl.

The case was brought after an anti-pornography group, Oklahomans for Children and Families, complained because the film was available at a public library in the city.

The ACLU plans to fight the ruling. "The film definitely has artistic and literary value," Bell said. "It is a classic, award-winning film that at the very least deserves its day in court."

Russia plans daring repairs on Mir

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP) — After considerable debate, Russia's Mission Control is devising a plan for Mir's cosmonauts to enter a ruptured, airless lab to salvage power on the lame space station.

The risky spacewalk would be conducted next month after a supply ship arrives with repair equipment.

NASA started investigating this week's unprecedented collision and prepared to send more staff to Russia's Mission Control outside Moscow to oversee the spacewalk.

The Russians propose having Mir's two cosmonauts venture into the sealed-off Spektr lab to connect

power cables to the urgently needed solar batteries inside. The cosmonauts would replace the hatch on the airless module with a version that would allow the cables to pass through without exposing the rest of the station to the vacuum of space.

"How well that thing seals is of major concern," NASA's Mir director, Frank Culbertson, said Friday.

NASA astronaut Michael Foale would monitor the spacewalk from the attached Soyuz capsule, which could bring them home any time.

A cargo ship slammed into Mir on Wednesday during a practice redocking, piercing the pressurized

hull of the Spektr lab module.

There was no respite for the crew yesterday, usually a day off. Using flashlights to see aboard the darkened Mir, the three men worked on the oxygen-generation and heat-regulation systems, which had been turned off along with other equipment to conserve power.

Earth Summit ends in failure

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK — The UN Earth Summit ended early yesterday without agreements on key environmental issues, including cutting emissions to fend off global warming, protecting forests and aiding poor nations whose environments are ruined by uncontrolled development.

Five years after committing itself to an ambitious environmental program, the international community also concluded this week that overall trends are worse than they were in 1992, and the political will to confront these concerns apparently is lacking.

"We reached the zenith of our enthusiasm and commitment for sustainable development and the environment in 1992," said Razali Ismail of Malaysia, president of the General Assembly.

At the 1992 Rio de Janeiro Earth Summit, the international community called for "sustainable development," a mix of economic growth and environmental protection. Although the Rio program included hundreds of measures to protect the atmosphere, forests and water and to alleviate poverty, the trends are "worse today than they were in 1992," the current summit concluded.

"Since [1992], many other things have come our way which have distracted our attention from that," Razali said Friday at a news

conference. "Since then, a sense of parochialism has spread over much of the developed world, a parochialism that affected the willingness of those countries to make available funds or resources, all kinds of things."

Further, he noted that "governments cannot maintain commitments, not just on resources, but on doing things over the long haul."

"We have learned that what we said very enthusiastically five years ago that we would do, that we would honor, has not really been done sufficiently," Razali said.

Others at the summit suggested that environmental demands were lopsided.

Saudi Arabia, for example, complained about the focus on global warming, saying that an apparent environmental "good" could be an economic disaster.

The rest of the world "should take into consideration the developing countries that depend on the production and export of fossil fuels," Prince Turki bin Mohamed bin Saud al-Kabir told the summit. The summit, known as "Rio Plus 5," also failed to produce any concluding political statement of commitment about environment protection because the 170 participating nations could not agree on the language.

The summit itself was an ecological debacle for New York City. The week-long meeting generated 10 tons of garbage a day, and failed to obey New York City's recycling rules.

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Hong Kong worries about human rights under China

HONG KONG (AP) — A human rights group said yesterday that Hong Kong's highly regarded legal system could be damaged by China's widespread corruption and all-powerful leaders.

"The prospects for the rule of law surviving do not look good at all," Paul Harris, chairman of the Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor, said at a news conference.

In a report listing threats to the legal system, the group said, "The independence of the judiciary is a wholly alien concept" in China. It said the Basic Law, the constitution China has drafted for Hong Kong, promises an independent judiciary, but "it is doubtful whether officials in Beijing fully understand

what this means."

After China takes control of the British colony at midnight Monday, powerful officials could resort to corruption to line their pockets or increase their influence with judges, the group said.

Harris said low-level corruption at places such as Hong Kong border control stations already is being reported.

Other areas of concern include: the provisional legislature China has set up to replace Hong Kong's elected one; the requirement that all groups, including human rights organizations, register with the government; and China's repeal of portions of Hong Kong's Bill of Rights.

Meanwhile, reports that veteran Chinese dissident Wei Jingsheng has been beaten by other prisoners and is ill are "sheer fabrications," China's Justice Ministry said yesterday.

It was China's first direct comment on reports by the family and human rights groups that Wei was severely injured by fellow prisoners hoping to get reduced sentences for attacking him.

The 46-year-old Wei, China's most famous dissident, is serving a 14-year sentence at a prison in northern Hebei Province, near Beijing, for advocating democratic reforms.

Reports of the attack drew an expression of "concern" from the US government and protests from groups con-

cerned with Wei's case.

A Justice Ministry official accused Wei himself of beating up a prisoner who stopped him breaking into a prison warehouse. "Wei flew into a rage, damaged the door by kicking it, and beat up the inmate, but the inmate did not strike back," the official was quoted as saying.

"China's judicial departments protect the legal rights of prisoners according to China's law," the official said.

Wei's family told foreign reporters and the New York-based group Human Rights in China that Wei had been repeatedly beaten by other prisoners, and that in the most recent incident he had been severely injured, worsening his already poor health.

According to the Wei family's account, Wei was beaten by another inmate after refusing to put down a screwdriver he wanted to use. The day after the beating, the prisoner who initiated the beating was given a reduced sentence as a "reward" for his actions, they said.

Family members who visited him on June 19 found him bruised and unable to keep his head erect without using his hands, Human Rights in China reported.

The Justice Ministry statement claimed Wei, whose health has suffered after years of imprisonment, was in "normal condition."

Labor camp and jail officials often encourage prisoners to beat fellow

inmates, especially political prisoners, as a form of punishment. Protests rarely result in any action on behalf of the victims.

One democracy campaigner, Chen Longde, attempted suicide last August after he was beaten twice with clubs and cattle prods in a labor camp. Chen survived his leap from a third-floor window but broke his hip and right leg. He remains in poor health.

Wei, an electrician and onetime supporter of the government, first was sentenced to 15 years in prison after taking part in Beijing's 1979 "Democracy Wall" movement. He was released briefly in 1993 and then was re-arrested and convicted to his current sentence of 14 years.

Cruise ship rams sports pier on NY's West Side

NEW YORK (New York Times) — A cruise ship slammed into the Chelsea Piers sports center Friday, punching a hole through the brick wall of a building on the pier and leaving eight passengers with minor injuries.

The company that owns the ship, the Spirit of New York, attributed the crash to mechanical failure. The police and the Coast Guard are investigating.

The vessel, with 473 people on board for a luncheon cruise, rammed into two piers on the Hudson River near 23rd Street, and created brief pandemonium as the crew scrambled to secure the ship and rescuers evacuated hundreds from the ship and the piers. Traffic on the West Side Highway was snarled briefly during the early rush hour.

The vessel's bow was lodged 6 feet into a building that houses an equestrian center soon to open to the public and basketball courts.

Witnesses on the pier said they could see frightened expressions on the faces of the passengers who gripped the railings of the ship as it veered out of control.

"They started scrambling away from the railing and hit the deck," said Chuck Leonard, 50, a disk jockey who was running a party at the piers when the crash occurred. "They did everything to get away from there. I looked at their faces, and I could tell there was something wrong here."

No one was seriously injured, although one passenger may have

suffered a broken arm, officials said.

Patrick Hermier, the general manager for Spirit Cruises, which organizes the Hudson River excursions, said the captain of the vessel had been with the company for a long time and that the cruise company had never experienced such a crash.

"Mechanical failure occurred, causing an impact that resulted in a few minor injuries," the company said. "The ship is currently undergoing repair and will be operating again, shortly."

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, who held a news conference at the pier after the accident, said the ship had started to have trouble with its engine, and the captain had tried to dock it in its usual berth, south of the accident scene.

"It wouldn't turn," the mayor said. "So apparently — and obviously this will have to be investigated — the captain decided to bring it in here" to a dock near the Chelsea Piers roller rink.

"Of course, in doing that, it smashed up against the dock and then went right into this building," the mayor said. "The vessel knocked down an electronic scoreboard as it scraped along the sides of the piers and then crashed nose first into the building, witnesses and the police said."

The captain, whose name was not released, was given an alcohol test within an hour of the accident. Coast Guard officials said. No trace of alcohol was found, the officials said.



Poet Maya Angelou arrives at Betty Shabazz's funeral in Manhattan Friday.

(AP)

Malcolm X widow buried in Moslem rite

By VERENA DOBNIK

NEW YORK (AP) — Three decades after Malcolm X was laid to rest in an Islamic rite, Betty Shabazz followed her husband to the grave Friday in the same faith — leaving her own civil-rights legacy.

"Our sister Betty Shabazz died by burning. May Allah forgive the person who did that," an imam told mourners at the Islamic Cultural Center in Manhattan during a prefuneral prayer service.

Prayers in Arabic and English came over a loudspeaker in a street-level prayer room marked "For sisters only," where hundreds of women, some with children, bowed in neat rows before a prayer rug on the wall. They wore multicolored dresses and head coverings with only their faces visible.

Following custom, women were separated from men at the service.

Shabazz, 61, whose slain husband would have turned 72 last month, was to be buried with him at a cemetery in suburban Ardsley, north of New York City, following the Sunni Moslem funeral.

Mourners arriving at the Upper East Side mosque walked past a large photograph of Shabazz, bordered with red flowers, on the sidewalk at the entrance.

Her gray casket reportedly was to be placed atop her husband's in

the family grave at Ferncliff Cemetery.

Shabazz died Monday, three weeks after suffering severe burns in a fire allegedly set in her Yonkers apartment by her grandson, Malcolm, 12.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the public said goodbye to the woman who, like her husband, had fought for the rights of blacks and the education of their children. Thousands of people lined up for her wake at the same Harlem funeral home where 32 years ago thousands viewed the body of Malcolm X after he was killed before a crowd of followers at the Audubon Ballroom.

"She educated herself after her husband's death. She raised her daughters as a model mother," said Congressman Major Owens in a statement before the funeral. "But what I appreciate most about Betty Shabazz is that she was a good person."

Born Betty Sanders in Detroit, she was adopted and raised by a Methodist family and went to the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama before heading to nursing school in New York.

She earned a doctorate from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and became director of public relations at Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn and later director of the school's office of institutional advancement.

US gun-control set back in Supreme Court

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — In a bitter defeat for President Bill Clinton, the Supreme Court Friday struck down an important part of

the historic Brady gun-control law requiring that local sheriffs conduct background checks on prospective handgun buyers.

The high court ruled Congress exceeded its power by imposing the requirement under the 1993 law that triggered a political battle and opposition from the powerful National Rifle Association.

The law, the first successful effort by Congress to regulate firearms in 25 years, was named after former White House press secretary James Brady, wounded

in the 1981 assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan.

President Clinton had defended the law's constitutionality and strongly supported it as a way of reducing handgun murders nationwide.

The justices struck down a key provision requiring local checks by sheriffs for any record of crimes, mental illness, drug use or other disqualifying problems during a five-day waiting period before the gun sale can be completed.

The ruling appeared most important because it underscored

the recent trend by the court's conservative majority to drastically curtail the power of Congress over the states and local governments.

The ruling drew an impassioned dissent from the court's liberal members. Justice John Paul Stevens said Congress reacted to "an epidemic of gun violence" and its action "surely warrants more respect than it is accorded in today's unprecedented decision."

President Clinton will ask local officials to make the checks voluntarily.

Parents of US woman slain in S. Africa meet murderer's mother

CAPE TOWN (AP) — Evelyn Manqina's embrace and tears said it all. It was time to let our four years of sorrow. Most of all, it was time for reconciliation.

The parents of Amy Biehl, a 26-year-old American Fulbright scholar who was slain in a conviction of violence in a black township in 1993, had come to visit yesterday.

Mrs. Manqina's son, Mongezi, was among four men convicted of the brutal killing. All face a July 8 hearing on their request for amnesty from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. They claim their attack was politically motivated.

Amy had been working with

voter education projects ahead of the country's first all-race elections. She was killed Aug. 25, 1993 — the day before she was to return home.

She was set upon by a mob shouting the racist slogan of the militant Pan-Africanist Congress — "One Settler, One Bully" — while driving black friends home to Cape Town's Guguletu township.

Police arrested seven youths, but three were released when the trial began in November 1993 because a witness refused to testify.

Four black youths, Mongezi Manqina, Mzikhona Nofemela, Vusumzi Ntamo and Ntobeko Peni, all members of the PAC's youth wing, are serving 18-year

jail terms for the murder.

They were convicted through the testimony of black women witnesses who came forward despite having been threatened.

The emotions on Mrs. Manqina's face were obvious as Peter and Linda Biehl walked into her tiny concrete-block house just 200 meters from the gas station where Amy was beaten and stabbed.

Manqina said three years ago that she wanted to meet the Biehls, who live in Newport Beach, California. She didn't know what to expect, but Mrs. Biehl quickly broke the ice with a tight hug.

As they sat down, Biehl talked about how they had looked forward to the meeting for reconciliation, that Amy would have wanted them to continue her work and they would not oppose the amnesty applications.

"This is what is it all about," Mrs. Biehl said. "This is why Amy was over here, why we keep coming back, because of the heart and soul of the African people. And we just want the races to reconcile, for people on a one-on-one relationship, to make differences."

By the end of the hour-long meeting, both sides were hugging and laughing. They exchanged phone numbers and addresses, with the Biehls saying they want to hear whether Mrs. Manqina's son can turn around his life if released from prison.

"It gives me hope that he has an opportunity now to really achieve something in his life and to be a contributing member of this great new country," Biehl said. "So that makes me feel very good."

The Biehls gave sweatshirts emblazoned with the "Voice is power" slogan of the Amy Biehl Foundation they set up.

It provides funding for South African women to further their education in the United States. They also sponsor black women to receive training in Guguletu to counsel victims of sexual abuse. Thousands of women have been assisted so far.

As they left, the Biehls, who have three other adult children, said they understood how and why the killing took place in the turmoil prevalent at the time in the black townships.

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New local firms make their mark in cyberspace

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Their companies are so new that if they were children rather than Internet start-ups, they'd still be in diapers.

With a cellular phone in one hand and a computer mouse in the other, these bright and innovative Israelis attracted much interest at the recent Internet World exhibition at Jerusalem's International Convention Center. The heady smell of success lingered at 120 booths, along with the aroma of free coffee offered at some of them — a gimmicky reference to the "hot" Internet programming language called Java.

As Sun Microsystems president Ed Zander said during the accompanying Internet conference, Israelis are in the forefront, with the US, in adopting and using new technologies. Mecklermedia president Alan Meckler added that 15% of all developments in the field of Internet technology are the work of Israelis.

Among the more interesting innovations were Emblaze Creator, software from the Geo company in Givatayim, that allows real-time interactive multimedia playback over the Net, including animation, sound and video at existing bandwidths. This produces images on the computer screen that have the quality of high-definition TV and promises to be the next new wave of Internet transmission, facilitated by high-speed ISDN cables.

Another development was an oversized push-button telephone that allows users to send and receive e-mail and access the Internet with the touch of a small pull-out keyboard or a black-and-white touch screen. Produced by InfoGear of Ra'anana, it is meant for those who feel they don't need a computer for any other uses.

Community Network Systems, a new Jerusalem firm owned by the holding company Net Results, launched its Virtual Community of Tomorrow (VCOM) site, which aims to bring the multimedia richness of CD-ROMs to the Internet. The Web site (www.VCOM.com) uses only a handful of common plug-in programs to provide interactive education, entertainment and information over the Net. There is an on-line encyclopedia, game arcade, family counseling center, medical information center and a Reuters news service pavilion. The site is free for a few months but will then offer subscriptions for \$29.90 a year — a bargain considering that it's less than the cost of a single CD-ROM.

Solram Electronics Limited of Kfar Sava also targets technophobes who don't warm up to the Internet. It sells a \$100 Internet telephony adapter that allows people to place and receive low-cost overseas phone calls over the Internet without knowing how to operate the computer. The software interface automatically launches the Internet connection and the Internet telephony tool (such as

Vocaltec or WebPhone) and communication is established between the computer in one country and another computer in another.

Sun Microsystems unveiled its work on Java PC — software in development near Tel Aviv that will allow outdated PCs to be used to hook up to the Internet. The program will give 180 million old PCs new life by in effect turning them into Internet terminals, said Zander. "Israeli professionals have the sophistication that allows them to overcome problems and deliver products quickly."

"Israel is moving from being a sack of nerves to a bundle of opportunities," said Israel Chamber of Commerce head Danny Gillerman. "I invite you to invest, to trade with us and make partnerships, because anyone who does this will not only be participating in a dramatic story, but also make a lot of money."

John Sculley, formerly CEO of Apple Computers and PepsiCo and now head of Live Pictures in California, told the attentive audience that the upcoming generation of computers will compete with "passive TV" by offering an immersive experience, in which the user's senses are surrounded by high-quality animation and photo-quality realism with which he interacts over the Internet. His own company, Live Pictures, has developed technology producing real-time, photo-quality imaging on the Web; users can zoom in and out as if they were holding a

camera lens and without seeing blurred pixels, maneuver the mouse to view panoramic images and dispatch large picture files over the Net in a very short time.

Microsoft unveiled the preliminary "beta" edition of its Internet Explorer 4, while Netscape presented the first official version of its Communicator program during the conference. Alta-Vista's first Hebrew-language search engine was presented by Digital and Ventura.

Connecticut Governor John Rowland told participants that he had decided to privatize all information technology services in his state government and opened them up to private contractors.

"We have 18,000 PCs in our many agencies, and no one is satisfied with the way they work. Although the unions are upset, we have made a commitment that the contractors will give jobs to all the state employees involved in information technology," Rowland said.

High-quality connections among state agencies will eventually allow all residents to carry out their business carrying only a driver's license. IBM-Israel connected thousands of workstations at the exhibition to a local area network, which functioned without any breakdowns during the three-day event. One company even set up a battery of Internet-connected computers, allowing visitors to take short Internet courses, try out programs and send off free e-mail.

NEW WORLDS

Local stalactites hold weather secrets

By POST SCIENCE REPORTER

The Avshalom Cave near Beit Shemesh, with its famed stalactites and stalagmites, is not only beautiful: It has been found by Weizmann Institute scientists to provide the only continuous record known of eastern Mediterranean rainfall and vegetation over the past 58,000 years.

Dr. Aaron Kaufman of the Rehovot Institute's environmental sciences and energy research department, along with Drs. Miryam Bar-Matthews and Avner Ayalon of the Israel Geological Survey, have shown that these ancient cave formations comprise a unique chronicle of information

about climatic fluctuations in the region.

They performed isotopic analyses on more than a hundred samples from stalactites (icicle-shaped mineral formations hanging from the ceiling) and stalagmites (formations pointing upwards from the cave floor); these enabled them to piece

together a picture of climatic changes.

For most of the time between 50,000 and 20,000 years ago, the region was cool and dry. Over that period the amount of rainfall varied significantly. About 6,000 years ago, conditions became similar to those of today, producing characteristic types of vegetation.

The formations are created when water collects calcium carbonate from the soil and rocks surrounding the cave, seeps through cracks in the cave roof and drips onto the cave floor, leaving some of the calcium carbonate behind. Every century or so, a distinctive outer layer is formed, so that a cross section looks like that of a cut tree trunk.

When the formations are first created, they contain a known quantity of the uranium 234 isotope, but none of a different isotope, thorium 230. Since the former decays at a uniform rate, during which some of it is converted into the latter, the older a sample is, the higher its thorium-to-uranium ratio.

Knowledge of past climatic changes that has been advanced by this study (published in *Quaternary Research*) may help in making climatic predictions for the future, the Weizmann scientists suggest.



Stalactites and stalagmites at the Avshalom Cave.

TELL ME WHY

Hernia more likely in males

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Why are hernias much more common among men than among women? In recent years, all the friends and relatives who tell me they've had hernia repairs are men. Can't giving birth result in a hernia? Are women's abdomens built differently, or is there a hormonal influence? Rakafet, Tel Aviv.

Prof. Arie Durst, chief of surgery at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem, replies: It is true that hernias are four times as common among men (and boys) than in women (and girls). The reason is not hormonal, it is anatomical: Women don't have testicles. In the fetus, the testicles are located in the abdominal cavi-

ty near the kidneys. Before birth, they normally move downwards into the scrotum, via a small opening in the tissue. Usually, when this occurs, the opening closes near the spermatic cord. But sometimes — especially in men with a familial tendency for inguinal hernias — it remains open and the intestines press down and enter a space where they should not be, creating a sac. This results in a hernia that can appear at birth and needs to be repaired quickly, or later in life. The condition is worsened by physical effort.

Women can get hernias even though they have no testicles because they have an embryonic structure called the round ligament; this forms the cord that keeps the uterus in place. If it doesn't form

properly, muscle weakness can cause a hernia. Giving birth, despite the strain on the abdomen, won't cause a hernia, but it can exacerbate an existing congenital weakness of the muscle.

What part of the refrigerator is the coldest — the top, where the cold air comes in, or at the bottom, because cold sinks to the bottom? I want to know where to put bags of milk so they don't spoil in summer. Dorit, Rishon LeZion.

Prof. Tzvi Piran of the Hebrew University's department of theoretical physics tackles this one.

It is indeed a physical principle that cold air drops closer to the ground and warm air rises. However, in a good, well-insulated refrigerator, the temperature

should be uniform throughout if it isn't constantly opened. Refrigerators are built on the principle that cold air emanating from a tube at the top drops to the bottom. Then its temperature increases and the air rises to the top, causing circulation. If you want something to be cooled quickly, you could put it close to the mouth of the tube, as this is the source of a direct blast of cold air. But in any case, since the thermostat turns off the motor from time to time, the difference will not be significant.

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HEALTH SCAN

Drug, alcohol abuse linked to attention disorder

By POST HEALTH REPORTER

Attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, considered a mental and behavioral disorder in youngsters, has been linked to alcohol and drug abuse in some adults.

Psychiatrists at the Talbiyah Mental Health Center in Jerusalem report in the latest issue of *Harefuah* on a 32-year-old woman with a history of alcoholism and drug abuse (hashish, marijuana, LSD and Ecstasy), who responded to treatment only when her ADHD was diagnosed and treated with Ritalin. She did so well on the stimulant

Ritalin that she began to succeed in academic courses for the first time, her craving for drugs diminished and she eventually was drug free.

The Talbiyah doctors, R. Durst and P. Rebaudengo-Rosca, note that ADHD is increasingly being diagnosed in adults who suffer from depression or a tendency to become addicted to drugs. Doctors must supervise closely patients taking Ritalin, since it, too, can be addictive, especially if taken with psychotropic drugs.

The authors note that doctors treating addicts should first look into the possibility of a hyperkinetic disorder

like ADHD.

STICK-ON SUN WARNING

Doctors advise against sunbathing altogether, but it's unrealistic to expect that everyone here will avoid it. Now a Jerusalem businessman, Haim Tessler (02-561-8982), is preparing to import a small patch worn on the skin to advise the wearer when the amount of ultraviolet rays to which he or she has been exposed that day can be harmful.

SunCheck UV monitors, manufactured in Britain, have been confirmed by independent labs in the UK and France as being "a sound

measure of the UV dosage to which the skin has been exposed."

They come in two versions, for children and adults. One merely peels the sticker (which costs 10 cents abroad) from a shiny backing and affixes it to the skin, clothing or a plastic band worn like a watch. Those whose skin, hair or eyes are light and who are sensitive to sun should get out of the sun when a white circle turns light blue; those with normal skin may stay in the sun until the circle turns the darker blue shown next to the circle. Sunscreen sloshed onto the sticker does not diminish its effectiveness.



'Almost Grown': Versatile games for learning Hebrew letters, counting and developing visual memory.

Hebrew learning at your fingertips

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Rav Milim: Hamilton Hashalem Le'Ivrit Hahadasha (a computerized Hebrew-Hebrew dictionary by Prof. Ya'acov Shweiki, a CD-ROM in Hebrew by the Center for Educational Technology (CET) in Ramat Aviv, NIS 299.

Rating: five stars out of five

Ivrit safu kasha (Hebrew is a difficult language), as anyone reading this newspaper will agree. The language, so logical, is nevertheless very difficult to learn, and it's even harder to make sense of the intricate grammatical rules when looking up words in the dictionary. Consider just one example: *u'keshevimas*. This single word means "and when it will melt (dissolve)." How is one supposed to look up such a six-letter word in the dictionary without being able to figure out its three-letter root?

This software, based on the book of the same name (separate printed editions for schools and youngsters have also been published), is a masterpiece. And, because of its digital form with a search engine that seems almost human in its understanding, it makes the task of finding meanings of Hebrew words nearly effortless.

Prof. Shweiki and CET justifiably boast that the digital dictionary is "the most comprehensive and innovative in modern Hebrew." Over 50 man-years were invested in the project, and those involved included some of the leading Hebrew linguists working today. It will be a welcome tool to elementary and high-school pupils and college students, as well as to teachers, new immigrants, announcers, journalists, writers and editors.

If you have Microsoft Word on your hard disk, the Rav Milim will, if you request it, link it automatically to the word-processing program; a new icon is thus produced on the tool bar, so any time you want to look up a word while working on text, you need only click the mouse.

The program is surprisingly easy to use, even though its functions are multi-faceted. One merely has to key in any Hebrew word. If you make a spelling error when entering it, the computer will suggest other possibilities or — if snumped — tell you you're mistaken. Not only the word itself is given, but also words that are pronounced the same but spelled differently, so you can take your pick. Search results can be streamlined by asking in advance to delete unneeded categories.

The program conducts a full morphological analysis of each entry. Full spellings (including yods and vavs) are given along with the abbreviated forms.

Once you have found your word among the 30,000 listed, you can click to have it put into all possible tenses; you may get families of words and any of 20,000 phrases in which it appears. Words that rhyme with the chosen word are also supplied at the click of a box. Words are presented in the context of sample sentences. And if a word comes from the Bible, for example, the program will give you an exact citation. If a word derives from someone's name, like personification, information on that person (including years of birth

and death) are included. Any word in any definition can be clicked to get a further explanation.

If you know only the bare bones of a word, you can use the "wild card" feature: key in the letters you know, plus some asterisks, and you'll get all the words that contain those letters. For example, if you type *alef* followed by an asterisk and the letters *zayin* and *mem* soft, you'll get a bundle of Hebrew words, from evangelism and absolutism to opportunism and optimism.

Rav Milim also provides some 50 million "sub-sections" of words — in effect meaningful chains of a few letters. The fact that English has only a million such chains shows the complexity of the ancient tongue.

Shweiki included Hebrew slang and foreign words as well. It will even tell you that a certain slang word is commonly used in the IDF.

Any word the program processes can be provided with its own "identity card" containing the root, parts of speech, tense, gender, number and so on. This is a great feature for pupils preparing for their Hebrew-language matriculation exam.

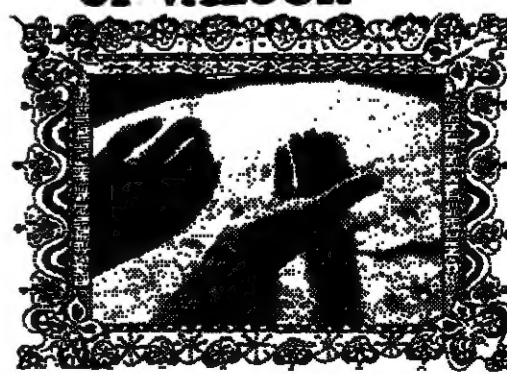
The games are very versatile: in one, which tests ability to draw lines between dots to produce a figure, there is a choice of numbers, Hebrew letters or shapes to complete the assignment.

They're also educational: the user is asked to identify three milk cartons, five apple cores and so on, and drag them into an on-screen trash can.

Young children using this disk will learn vicariously without having a rigid classroom feeling. Mirage has again shown its good judgment in selecting superior foreign software to adapt into Hebrew.

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Wrong signal on Hong Kong

China is by no means alone in the world when it comes to making hamfisted gestures and insensitive blunders, but this weekend it chose to do so while in the full glare of the international spotlight.

Beijing's decision to send 4,000 troops pouring into Hong Kong in ships, helicopters and armored cars a few hours after Britain hands over its former colony is hardly the right signal to send to the international community via the thousands of reporters covering the handover. And as outgoing Governor Chris Patten said yesterday, it is "a most appalling signal" to send to the people of Hong Kong.

No one questions China's right to hold the elaborate celebrations it has prepared to welcome the Hong Kong Chinese back to the motherland. Monday will be a day of great national pride for the whole country. But a show of force? Who does China think will be invading Hong Kong on July 1? Once again, the Beijing government demonstrates its classic insensitivity to outside or inside opinion, as well as its public relations ineptitude.

Instead of being left to enjoy an all-joyous day of parties, fireworks and ceremony, the people of Hong Kong are to be unpleasantly reminded, by armored cars of the People's Liberation Army rolling into the city, that this is a government that did not hesitate to use its army brutally against its own people. The announcement of the military "invasion" is a timely reminder that July 1 is not only about righting an accident of history and partying the night away.

It further underscored the end of Hong Kong's illusory experiment with democracy as its elected Legislative Council wound itself up with a final marathon final session. In a 24-hour sitting, the disbanding lawmakers adopted proposals on public housing, communications, privacy, and the bill of rights. The measures could have been set up just so that the incoming "provisional legislature" appointed by Beijing can have the pleasure of knocking them down again. The incoming legislature already has vowed to abolish a swathe of 24 Hong Kong laws, including major portions of the bill of rights.

British troops in Hong Kong in the closing months of its rule have numbered only 1,000 — a more than adequate presence in the trouble-free and threat-free territory. China's planned

arrival in force has dashed Hong Kongers' expectation that the military presence would continue to be small and discreet. It raises the immediate question of how many Beijing will deem necessary to enforce the "one state, two systems" concept agreed to with Britain.

The massive anniversary rally in Hong Kong in memory of those massacred in Tiananmen Square on June 4, 1989, showed that the people there need no reminders that it was the Chinese army that was sent in by those still ruling in Beijing to crush the democracy demonstrators in Beijing. To shove a large contingent of the same army and their armored cars in Hong Kongers' faces hours after the change of government is scarcely a confidence building measure.

The 200 Chinese soldiers already in the colony, plus the 500 more Britain reluctantly agreed to accept hours before the handover ceremony, seemed reasonable and encouraging. In the unlikely event of serious public unrest or rioting, Hong Kong could call on up to 5,000 of its own well-trained riot police, in addition to its professional police force of 20,000 police and 8,000 auxiliaries.

It is inconceivable that Beijing does not know the Chinese military is deeply mistrusted in Hong Kong, where the Tiananmen Square massacre caused particular fury. That being so, the signal of sending personnel carriers into the streets can only be read as a reminder and a warning, not just as the new leader of Hong Kong and China apologist Tung Chee-hwa feebly called it, "a necessary symbol of Beijing's sovereignty."

No person on earth or in Hong Kong questions China's sovereignty over Hong Kong. Hong Kong has no image as a military garrison — British troops were virtually invisible there — and it doesn't need one. The staid business suit is the uniform of a city that cares only for commerce and money. Under the handover treaties, Hong Kong will be in charge of its domestic affairs for 50 years, but Tung did not need to remind its citizens he has the power to call in the army "to help maintain public order."

The world knows how liberally Beijing can interpret issues of public order. It is up to the world to watch closely how the army and its masters keep their obligations on Hong Kong.

Zero plus zero

The UN Earth Summit, which just ended in New York, was billed as Rio Plus, with the aim of advancing the goals for environmental protection laid down at the famous Rio Earth Summit of 1992.

This session turned out to be Rio plus zero — nothing ventured, nothing gained. The 170 participating nations lacked the political will to tackle the critical issues laid out in Rio de Janeiro. Rain forest areas the size of the state of Ohio are vanishing every year; the production of greenhouse gases has increased, not diminished in the past five years, and some small Pacific island states doubt they will still be in existence to join other summits in the next century, if the

oceans keep rising.

Some 1.5 billion people still live in abject poverty and the number is rising. Ecology comes far down the list of priorities when an economy scarcely exists.

Delegates made no firm commitments on greenhouse gas emissions that cause climate changes or on providing more aid to developing countries, so they would not follow the polluting paths of the Western and former Communist states.

Tanzania's UN ambassador, Daudi Ngelautwa Mwakawaga, summed up the miserable waste of time the summit turned out to be. He said the world is crying for positive answers. "This session has not provided them."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ISRAEL'S ECONOMY AND THE PEACE PROCESS

Sir, — Benny Gaon is mistaken in his article of June 20, "Duty to 'privatize' the peace," when he ascribes Israel's prosperity of the last few years to the peace process. It certainly is true that there has been an impressive increase in the number of visits by Mr. Gaon and other local "captains of industry" to Arab capitals. But this is hardly an indicator of the State of Israel's economy. In fact, if we take the stock market, as Mr. Gaon does, and other serious indicators, such as the balance of trade and the balance of payments, then the correlation between the peace progress and Israel's economy is dubious.

The Tel Aviv stock market (adjusted for inflation) reached a peak at the end of 1994, a year and a half after the Labor government took office and just as the peace

process was getting into full swing. The famous Casablanca Conference took place in October 1994. The market then took a dive to half of its peak level and remained there, with ups and downs, until recently. Only in the last half year has it recovered significantly, and only now, a year after the Netanyahu government took office and the peace process is in the doldrums, is it approaching its previous high.

The peace process, according to Mr. Gaon, has opened up new worlds for Israeli exports. If so, why did Israeli exports stagnate in the years 1993 to 1996? How is it that our trade deficit, which stood at an uncomfortable \$6.8 billion in 1992, ballooned to a frightening \$12.3b. in 1996, almost 15 percent of our gross domestic product? The Mexican currency collapsed,

and with it the Mexican economy, when the trade deficit was a mere 8 percent of GDP.

An objective observer would be hard put to see a positive correlation between the peace process and the state of Israel's economy. At best the peace process is irrelevant.

A look at Mr. Gaon's own firm, Koor, is enlightening. Mr. Gaon brought it from bankruptcy several years ago to its present prosperous state. But he did it not with the help of the peace process, but by firing half the workers, just as they do it in the US. Furthermore, the bulk of Koor's profits are monopolistic. Its present prosperity has nothing to do with the peace process.

JACK MENES

Jerusalem.

TOO PESSIMISTIC

Sir, — Though I have to agree with the general tenor of Yosef Lapid's article of June 13, "It's not my country anymore," I believe his total pessimism goes too far. Though the situation is indeed sad and terribly disappointing, just giving in to it is not the answer. All of us who feel as he does must stand up for our rights and opinions and feelings and, if necessary, man the barricades. Who says only the extreme right and the extreme Orthodox can stage demonstrations?

LEONARD ZURAKOV

GEMS

Sir, — Moshe Kohn's columns are pure gems. Mr. Kohn builds his cases on scholarly research, documenting each point with solid citations. He sheds light with minimal heat, even on deeply debated subjects. As a retired journalist, I share his profession and I greatly admire his skill. I do not share his Orthodox orientation, yet I find his writing refreshing, edifying and highly rewarding. Thanks for enriching your opinion pages with his columns.

ROBERT J. GOLDBERG

RECYCLING

Sir, — Due to the non-renewal of the contract for the collection of paper for recycling in Haifa, our once beautiful street is littered with cartons and paper and overflowing garbage containers.

We are regressing instead of progressing in the area of recycling paper, and would like to point out yet again that in many places all over the world, people are aware of recycling not only of paper but also bottles, cans and other materials. The public has to be educated in this area.

ROSE SHULMAN
DOREEN FEINGOLD

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Loose nukes and more

JESSICA STERN

In the book that inspired the Oklahoma City bombing, *The Turner Diaries*, the hero drops a nuclear weapon on the Pentagon, sacrificing his life for the anti-government cause. Had Timothy McVeigh been capable of following Turner's example, hundreds of thousands could have died.

US Secretary of Defense William Cohen warns that future adversaries and terrorists may resort to nuclear, biological or chemical weapons — a scenario he finds "quite real."

The first line of defense against nuclear terrorism is to protect them and their components from theft. But experts fear that worldwide safeguards — especially in Russia and the new independent states (NIS) — may not be adequate to the task.

Russian officials admit that the potential for theft has increased at many nuclear facilities. Kilogram quantities of stolen weapons-usable nuclear materials have already been recovered in Russia and in Europe, demonstrating the urgency of securing vulnerable stockpiles. Russian chemical weapons are also vulnerable to theft.

Experts find the state of Russia's nuclear and chemical-weapons security alarming. But two congressional committees just have voted to slash the already tiny programs, representing a fraction of a percent of America's defense budget, that directly address the threat of nuclear and chemical terrorism.

Programs that address loose nukes, brain drain, porous borders and continued production of plutonium are all under the knife.

Loose Nukes: The Russian military is in crisis. Living conditions are abysmal, food is in short supply and wage arrears are common. Five hundred officers committed suicide in 1996, and more than 20 generals are under investigation for corruption.

Former secretary of defense Igor Rodionov warned in February that Russia could lose control over its nuclear forces, and that no one could guarantee their reliability. Gen. Yevgeny Maslin, in charge of warhead security, fears that disgruntled workers or terrorists could steal warheads from trains.

Vladimir Orlov, an expert on

Russian nuclear security, told an American audience this month that nuclear security has not improved in Russia (especially for warheads), but control of information about nuclear smuggling has. He admonished Americans to remove their rose-colored glasses. The Defense Department is pro-

American money had better go for preventive defense, before the first incident of nuclear or chemical terrorism

viding sensors and other equipment to protect warheads from theft, but the House National Security Committee wants to cut funding by a third.

Brain Drain: Workers at NIS nuclear and chemical-weapons sites are vulnerable to corruption. Once treated as the elite, they are now poverty-stricken. Some of these scientists are reportedly supplementing their incomes by providing consulting services to Iran and Pakistan on weapons-related research.

Late last year, the director of Chelyabinsk 70, one of Russia's most elite nuclear-weapons laboratories, killed himself, claiming he could no longer bear his inability to pay his own workers.

RUSSIAN officials have confided their concern that biological weapons scientists might sell their expertise to other countries. Innovative programs run by the Departments of Energy and State help employ former weapons-scientists in civilian projects that are often commercially viable.

In one of these projects, scientists have developed a technique to un-irradiate milk contaminated by the Chernobyl reactor, so that local children have milk to drink that won't harm their health.

In another, Russian scientists are working with Harvard Medical School on a new diphtheria vaccine.

But the House National Security Committee isn't worried that underpaid weapons scientists could sell their expertise abroad. They voted to zero out the Department of Energy-led program: the future of the State-led program is uncertain.

Porous Borders: The breakup of the Soviet Union created 15 new countries requiring 15 sets of border guards. The borders of the southern tier — including Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Russia and Turkmenistan — are particularly permeable, including points of entry into Iran on the Caspian Sea.

US Customs and other agencies are training personnel and supplying enforcement agencies with radiation-detection devices the size of pocket pagers, endoscopes (for looking into gas tanks) and other gear.

These programs are just beginning, but the Senate Armed Services Committee would like to see their funding cut.

Continued Production of Plutonium: Russia's three remaining plutonium-production reactors produce 1 1/2 tons of plutonium a year. Russia has agreed to stop producing plutonium, but needs to find an alternative source of heat and electricity.

The administration requested funding to convert the reactors to end plutonium production. But the House National Security Committee wants to cut the program by three-quarters, making it impossible to stop plutonium production in Russia by the year 2000, as agreed by vice president and prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin.

A vote on these cuts is imminent. These programs are critical to US national security, yet they are politically vulnerable because they contain little "pork."

Americans should tell their representatives: Let's spend our money on preventive defense, before the first incident of nuclear or chemical terrorism.

If terrorists or rogue nations acquire "loose nukes" from Russia, we are all potential victims.

The writer was director for Russian, Ukrainian and Eurasian affairs at the National Security Council in the first Clinton administration. (Washington Post)

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



Abhh, summertime!

Taxi! Taxi!

EFRAT NATIV

Why is it so hard to get a taxi in Israel?

According to a survey by the Histadrut's Consumer Protection Authority, one-third of Tel Aviv's taxi services did not send cabs when they were ordered by telephone.

The best of the services actually sent a cab only 75 percent of the time. Another one-third sent the cabs after an average wait of 25 minutes.

But before frustrated would-be passengers heap blame on local cabbies and station owners, they would do well to take an objective look at how these and other low levels of service came about.

The fault does not necessarily lie with the cabbies. Look at what obstacles they need to overcome:

A taxi driver who wishes to get a permit to operate a taxi must quite literally win one, in a lottery sponsored by the Transport Ministry.

Pre-conditions for participation include Interior Ministry approval, income tax assessor testimony, National Insurance Institute documentation, permission to access private police registries and proof of having actually already driven a cab for between four and eight years.

The licensing procedures actually force a cab operator to drive a cab as a "salaried" employee first, for four to eight years, before he can even apply.

The few lucky winners of the lottery get the grand prize — they must pay over \$30,000 for the permit.

Yet the fact that one can purchase a permit on the free market, with no restrictions, makes one wonder why the manifold regulations and constraints associated with the Transport Ministry lottery are necessary. The "free-market" price for a permit is about \$70,000.

The possibility of overnight resale profits in the tens of thousands of dollars encourages speculators to join the lottery, further reducing the chances hardworking salaried drivers have of bettering their own positions. (Salaried drivers pay about \$700 a month to rent cabs from

Before you rail against the cabbie who doesn't appear, read this

license winners.)

The number of lottery-licenses awarded each year is arbitrarily set by the Knesset's Economics Committee, on Transport Ministry recommendation, maintaining a permanent gap between supply and demand.

THE taxi sector is further handicapped by being forbidden by law to compete with bus routes (with rare exceptions). Unlike other Western countries, in Israel buses also face no competition from railroads, streetcars or subways.

Faced with two bus monopolies, Egged and Dan, and the usually higher prices and poorer service monopolies entail, plus the long waits engendered by the artificially-controlled number of cabs, no wonder Israelis prefer private cars even in perpetually jammed city streets.

The harm done to riders and drivers by government interference is compounded by harm to the larger economy. Money channeled by potential operators to the state coffers helps fund an inflated bureaucracy, instead of being used more productively by private citizens — to improve, clean or air-condition their cabs, for instance.

Bus lines sometimes carry few passengers, and even though "unprofitable" are indirectly subsidized, while unsubsidized cabs could cover the same route profitably.

There are today about 10,000 licensed taxi operators in Israel, and about 1.8 cabs for every 1,000 people. This latter number is comparable to New York; but a substantial number of New Yorkers travel by subway.

With the government controlling everything about taxis — from the number of operators and the cost of permits to the routes allowed and even the fares charged — the obvious solution to the mess is: Let the government take a back seat.

Sweden and New Zealand opened their taxi industries to market forces a few years ago. The result was more cabs, better service, more satisfied clients and happier drivers.

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ON CAMERA

The challenges of sunlight

By DAVID BRAUNER

Who wakes up in the morning and thinks about sunshine? Photographers do, or ought to. But what do we know about it?

The sunshine that begins and ends the day is best for photography. It is dramatic light, rich in golden orange and red rays. The strong side light of mornings and late afternoons establishes a mood of rest, quiet and meditation. In the early hours, there's often a wisp of mist around that lends a picture that painterly stroke of another world.

In summer, the worst time of day to be out with a camera is between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. The sun is high overhead, casting short, downward shadows. Photos come out flat, without any modeling and devoid of pictorial interest.

Of course, sunlight varies throughout the year. In June, it is strongest at noon - 50 percent stronger than in December, when it is weakest. Yet the slanting rays of winter light have a charm all of their own.

Latitude, one's relative location between the equator and the pole, also influences the power of the sun. Equatorial sunshine is harsh and glaring, while the higher latitudes afford softer, more even light.

And, as anyone who has visited Jerusalem and the Dead Sea on the same day knows, altitude affects the sun's gift of light. At high altitudes, where there is less atmosphere and pollution to dull the sun's rays, distant detail will appear clearer to the eye, but the additional ultra-violet light will upset photographic definition, so use a U-V filter. At low altitudes, skies are apt to appear unnaturally dark blue on film.

Clouds diffuse or scramble the straight lines of sunlight. The veiled light produced by high, thin clouds is ideal for all photography. Contrast is moderate and shadows, pale and luminous. An overcast sky practically dissolves all shade,



In the early hours, there's often a wisp of mist around that lends a picture that painterly stroke of another world. Lake Windermere, Lake District, England. (D. Brauner)

but also reduces contrast.

When sunlight is reflected, it throws back extra light. Natural reflectors include sand, snow and white stone buildings. These are likely to "fool" your camera's meter into under-exposing, so compensate (bracket) by opening up one or even two stops. Or, if you have a hand-held light meter, take incident readings, that is, measure the light that falls on the subject.

One can also take advantage of

man-made reflectors to even out the light and reduce ugly shadows. Cars, as long as they are white, silver or light gray (colors distort color film), return plenty of soft light. A white plastic garden table or even newspaper (a new use for this page) make adequate reflectors.

For the more serious, particularly with an interest in portraiture and flower photography, sheets of light, white styrofoam plastic used

for insulation make excellent, inexpensive reflectors. Cover a sheet of styrofoam with an outer layer of (crumpled) aluminum foil to make a silver reflector, which produces a sharper reflection. The larger the reflector, the greater the pool of light.

Recently, a friend showed me a photograph exhibiting polygons of light. This is called "flare" or "ghosting," and occurs when shooting into or "against the grain

of the sun," as one photographer put it. It's caused by light bouncing around in the lens, and in most cases is cured by using a lens hood or shading the lens with a hand.

Sunlight is, of course, a blessing to us all, but don't ever point a camera directly at the source. Even taking pictures of sunrises, sunsets and certainly eclipses of the sun without taking proper precautions, not only hurts but can permanently damage the eye.

HEADS 'N' TAILS

Tips on tortoises: plenty of patience and lettuce



Tortoises are becoming popular pets.

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL

I never really knew just how many people keep tortoises as pets. Now I do, after recently receiving so many letters and phone calls about them. It seems that despite the fact that the ordinary land tortoise is a protected species and that absolutely everyone without a specific license is in violation of the law, there are still a lot of "pet" tortoises out there.

The teenage son of a colleague called me last week. He and his younger brother have three tortoises which are kept, I presume, in a plastic pool filled with earth. To their surprise, one of the tortoises started to lay eggs. The brothers wanted to know if anything should be done. The answer is, "no." If the female tortoise is laying eggs then leave her to her own devices because the laying of eggs in a captive environment is fairly rare.

In answer to his next question: "Will they hatch?" I have to be a little more elaborate. If one of her companion terrapins was a fertile male, if he bred her, then there may be fertile eggs. If the place she chose, the temperature, humidity and all other factors agree then perhaps there will be baby tortoises.

It is difficult to be exact about the length of the incubation period. I have only one experience of this, at the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo

in 1977, when six terrapin babies hatched in a terrarium. The incubation in this case was 93 days but the books say that anything from 70 to 144 days is normal.

It is not difficult to determine the sex of a terrapin - examine the underside. If the under carapace is flat it is a female, if there is a concavity it is a male. The reason is simple. If the male lacked this concavity he would not be able to mount and breed the female.

Feeding tortoises is a simple matter. Give them lettuce, cucumbers, tomatoes, melons and even small bits of cabbage and carrot. But keep in mind that the food you give must be moist, like cucumbers and melons, because tortoises get their water as well as their food from this diet.

Other than this, I have little to say about tortoises except that if by any chance you do get baby tortoises then be very gentle and cautious. Give them very finely chopped vegetables and if you can manage it then a tiny dose of vitamin A-D drops and a very fine dusting of calcium. But do remember, even as much as the terrapins love heat, you must provide some shade. They will decide when they need it.

For those whose terrapins have never laid eggs, be patient. This is not something that happens every day. Sometimes it takes months, sometimes years.

Not Page One

'Daughter of the Sea' is a tramp

By Sam Orbaum

Ever been to Bat Yam? Did you get out alive? Were you murdered, swindled, robbed, run down, blackmailed, assaulted, kidnapped?

If you read this here newspaper regularly, you might have noticed Bat Yam merits mention more often than Haifa or Beersheba, maybe more than New York, London or Paris. I noticed. And I began to wonder if it was my imagination.

Having nothing better to do (ah, the life of a columnist), I spent a few hours mowing through the newspaper's electronic archives to get a better idea of just what kind of town Bat Yam is. And let me tell you, I think I'd feel safer as an evangelist in Teheran.

There's bound to be a proud Bat Yammik reading this who'll cancel his subscription upon reading this. Or more likely, send me a letter bomb. But hey, I'm not making any of this up: it was all right here in black and white, and newspapers tell it like it is, right?

This, then, is Bat Yam like it is: since 1989 (that's how far back the electronic archives go), there have been about 1,200 stories mentioning today's spotlight city. Most of the articles were merely passing references to Bat Yam, or of a "pareve" nature - neither negative nor positive. Many were irrelevant to this research: sports and business items, for instance.

There were 12 reports of a positive nature: a new factory, a math contest winner, an educational trip to Malaysia, two happy immigrant stories, a lottery winner, a bit of art and theater, and an eggplant recipe. (Bet I get half a dozen calls for the eggplant recipe.)

The bad and the ugly accounted for more than 300 stories (and I think it was very gracious not to include any items in that list mentioning Aryeh Deri's Bat Yam background). Murder and traffic casualties won first place, with 32 items on each. Smuggling and purse snatching did very poorly, tying for last with one point each. Narcotics (25) and assault (23) made the Final Four, nosing out accidental deaths (22) and robbery (20). Robbery might have done much better, but I arbitrarily separated theft (5) into a separate category.

Terrorism was another prominent subject, but I stopped counting after 16 because each incident provoked sustained coverage.

You get a pretty grim picture of Bat Yam from the rest of the list (2 to 10 reports for each): rape, arson, prostitution, tax evasion, bribery and blackmail. Nine scars of various and imaginative descriptions. Two kidnappings. Lots of organized crime, sexual assault, illegal assembly and the occasional casino raid. An additional 14 serious crimes defied categorization.

You have to look past the sheer numbers to get an idea of the panache of Bat Yam's newsmakers. During one narcotics raid, police failed to come up with any drugs, but did find a baby alligator in the closet.

One man was arrested for torturing his son; another man beat his mother while she was sitting in her wheelchair. There was a schizophrenic murder (only one), an acid-party raid, a bomb plot, child prostitution, and a baby's body found in a garbage dump.

A woman tried to throw her nine-year-old daughter over a third-floor railing.

A burglary ring was smashed: all the suspects were children.

Police foiled a planned mass suicide by Bat Yam cult members.

One guy committed self-castration.

A cemetery cantor was arrested for knocking out the teeth of another cantor during a fistfight: they were brawling over who had the right to conduct services.

And the mayor's car was torched.

There were seven stories on drownings, two gas explosions, two floods, six fires, and, for goodness sake, an earthquake.

Poor Bat Yam. Homelessness.

Corruption.

Riots.

Pollution.

Strikes.

Pornography.

Racism.

A fashion show put on for the JNF evolved into a strip show.

A city bus driver lied to two 10-year-old children, saying he was going in their direction. He then abandoned them (in Bat Yam), saying it was "not my problem" when they cried that they had no money.

A group of celebrities at a party beat up a policeman and a lawyer. An emergency call was put through to the police station, but they refused to come, saying they didn't want to get involved.

A rabbi, Ya'acov Ohayon, told a Bat Yam audience that secular Jews are a greater threat to religious Jews than Hitler was.

I think this is not what Herzl had in mind.

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DEAR RUTHIE

Brains versus instinct

By RUTHIE BLUM



Dear Ruthie, Help! I'm 29 and have been seeing a woman for three months. We have sincere fun together, and I truly enjoy the time I spend with her on many levels (we laugh together, have wonderful conversations, etc.). However, on paper, she's not the best catch, and, as a result, even though my gut says go for it, my brain won't let me consider her as a potential spouse.

Now I have met another woman. On paper she has everything, great looks, great profession; you name it. My brain says take No. 2, but my gut keeps thinking of the great relationship I have with No. 1. Do I follow my brain or my gut? Bumbling Bachelor in a Bind Somewhere in Israel Dear Bachelorettes Abounding, The way you formulated your

question indicates that you already know the answer but wish it to be given some kind of stamp of approval from an outside source. Where love is concerned, it is usually the gut which beats the brain. Unfortunately, where marriage is concerned, the brain often takes over. In internally well-balanced people, the gut and the brain are not in constant conflict with one another, but rather join forces in partnership. All this mumbo-jumbo means is that you feel the first woman is your first choice, in terms of the quality of the time spent with her; whereas you think the second has a better resumé.

Keep in mind that even where curricula vitae are relevant - in the workplace - they alone cannot determine the suitability of an applicant. Where sharing a life with someone is concerned, they can be downright misleading. Try cuddling up next to a list of positive traits, or having a good laugh with a "good catch" and you'll see what I mean.

Dear Ruthie, A man I was certain was interested in me hinted that he wanted me to phone him to initiate some contact. Though I never make the first move on men, I decided "what the heck," and went ahead with it.

At first, this man seemed very pleased with the whole idea. But then, after we went out once, he became quite cold towards me and indicated that this had something to do with his not liking to be "pursued" by women, since he likes doing the pursuing. I feel that I totally misread his signals - which I tried to explain to him - and now I'm afraid to trust my instincts about messages men are trying to convey.

How can I avoid making a similar mistake in the future?

Duped by a Dove

Dear Dove-Duped,

You may not be able to avoid making mistakes where signals from the opposite sex are con-

cerned. The main reason for this is that such signals are not always clear. In fact, it is likely that this particular man initially wanted you to pursue him, and then later became disconcerted by the fact that you did. Ambivalence can cause a lot of static over the airwaves.

This does not mean that you should begin to doubt your instincts. It just means taking into account that there are "dopes" out there in abundance. The trick is not letting them get you down.

Since members of the opposite sex often seem to have learned their body language and communication skills from another galaxy, one has no choice but to remain as loyal as he or she can to his or her own codes, and hope that not too much gets lost in translation.

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A thousand times no

Yankees beat Indians behind Gooden; notch 1,000th win against Tribe

NEW YORK (AP) — Dwight Gooden stopped Cleveland again as the New York Yankees became the first AL team to beat an opponent 1,000 times, defeating the Indians 3-2 Friday night for their fourth straight victory.

Sandy Alomar extended his hitting streak to 24 games, longest by an Indians player since Dale Mitchell's 27-game string in 1953.

Paul O'Neill hit a two-run double in the first inning and scored on Cecil Fielder's groundout, giving Gooden (3-0) a lead he never lost. Gooden, who beat the Indians last Friday at Jacobs Field, held them to one run on five singles in seven innings. He permitted only one runner past first base.

New York is 1,000-804 against Cleveland since the teams began playing in 1903. There are 12 instances of NL teams with at least 1,000 wins against an opponent, mostly because the National League began play in 1876.

Blue Jays 2, Orioles 1
Robert Person and three relievers combined on a five-hitter as Toronto won on the road.

Person (3-5) allowed one run and three hits in 7 1/3 innings before Dan Plesac retired Brady Anderson with the tying run on second base. Paul Spoljaric pitched out of a ninth-inning jam for his second save.

Tigers 2, Red Sox 1 (11)
Tony Clark drove in his second run of the game with a double in the top of the 11th as Detroit won its second straight from the Red Sox.

With Travis Fryman at first after a single, Clark hit a sinking liner to left field. Troy O'Leary dove, but the ball bounced in front of him and rolled to the wall, allowing Fryman to score.

White Sox 10, Twins 6
Albert Belle had a career-high five hits, including his 18th homer, as the Chicago White Sox beat Minnesota to push their season-high winning streak to seven games.

Belle, who drove in two runs and scored four times, had three singles before his 407-foot solo drive off reliever Greg Swindell in the seventh. He added a two-out double in the ninth.

Jorge Fabregas also had four RBIs as the White Sox remained perfect, since a 3-0 loss to the Twins in Chicago last Friday night. Since then, the White Sox have climbed from last place in the AL Central to second. They closed within one game of first-place Cleveland, which lost to the

Yankees.

Royals 16, Brewers 3
Jay Bell hit a grand slam and Craig Paquette homered twice to lead host Kansas City Royals to a rout.

Bell and Paquette drove in five runs each as the Royals scored their most runs since beating the Angels 18-3 last year. Kansas City had 15 hits in all.

Mariners 8, Angels 1
Alex Rodriguez homered in his first at-bat following two weeks on the disabled list, leading the Mariners to a home win.

Rodriguez, who bruised his chest June 11 in a home-plate collision with Toronto's Roger Clemens, hit a two-run homer in the first off Chuck Finley (3-6). Rodriguez also started two of Seattle's three double plays.

Athletics 7, Rangers 4
Jose Canseco broke a fifth-inning tie with a two-run single as host Oakland beat the error-riddled Rangers, who have lost nine of 10 games.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Braves 7, Phillies 1
Greg Maddux pitched a six-hitter, throwing just 18 balls in 89 pitches, to lead Atlanta to a home win.

Maddux (10-3) struck out eight and walked none in sending the Phillies to their 12th loss in 13 games. Maddux, 21-10 against the Phillies, did not allow a run until Rico Brogna's RBI double with two outs in the ninth. Maddux has not walked a batter in 27 innings and has only 13 walks in 116 1/3 innings this season.

Jeff Blauser had three hits, including a two-run homer, as the Braves improved to 5-0 against the Phillies this season.

Fred McGriff and Andrew Jones drove in two runs each for Atlanta, which has won three straight overall and six of eight.

Expos 2, Marlins 0
Dustin Hermanson, Marc Valdes, Dave Veres and Ugueth Urbina combined for Montreal's club-record seventh shutout in June, limiting host Florida to six hits.

Vladimir Guerrero had a career-high four singles and drove in a run as Montreal — shut out for 13 innings over two games by Marlins ace Kevin Brown — strung together four singles in a two-run sixth inning.

Cubs 2, Astros 1
Kevin Foster won for the sixth time in eight decisions, and Mark Grace and Shawon Dunston drove in Chicago's runs to lead the Cubs

over the Houston Astros.

Sammy Sosa went 0-for-3 with an intentional walk in his first game since agreeing to a \$42.5 million, four-year contract extension with the Cubs.

Foster (9-5), who lost to Houston 3-1 in his previous start,



Yankees' Derek Jeter (Reuters)

allowed seven hits in 6 1/3 innings, helping the Cubs win for just the third time in 11 games. Turk Wendell finished with hitless relief for his fourth save.

Pirates 6, Mets 1
Jason Schmidt shut down visiting New York for the second time in a week with his first career complete-game victory and Kevin Young's two-run homer keyed a four-run first inning.

The Pirates were swept in a four-game series in New York last weekend, even though Schmidt limited the Mets to a run and four hits over seven innings in Pittsburgh's 3-2 loss Saturday. He gave up five hits and a run Friday.

Reds 5, Cardinals 3
Willie Greene hit his third career grand slam in the bottom of the sixth inning to rally the Reds.

Greene hit the first pitch from Alan Benes (7-7) into the second deck in right field for a 5-3 lead. All four runs were unearned, the result of an inning-opening error by second baseman Delino DeShields.

Bret Tomko (4-1) allowed two

hits and four walks over 6 1/3 innings, including Mike Difelice's two-run homer in the second.

Giants 6, Rockies 3
Kirk Rueter allowed six hits in eight-plus innings and J.T. Snow, Barry Bonds, and Jose Vizcaino homered as the San Francisco Giants won on the road.

Snow had two hits and two RBIs, and Vizcaino, Darryl Hamilton and Stan Javier also had two hits.

Colorado rookie Neifi Perez hit a two-run homer, his second, chasing Rueter with none out in the ninth. Rod Beck finished for his major league-leading 26th save.

National League				
East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	50	28	.641	—
Florida	45	32	.584	4 1/2
Montreal	44	33	.571	5 1/2
New York	43	34	.558	6 1/2
Philadelphia	23	53	.303	26
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	39	40	.494	—
Pittsburgh	36	41	.468	2
St. Louis	36	41	.468	2
Cincinnati	33	44	.429	5
Chicago	30	48	.385	8 1/2
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	45	33	.57	—
Colorado	41	38	.519	4 1/2
Los Angeles	38	40	.487	7
San Diego	34	44	.436	11

American League				
East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	50	25	.667	—
New York	44	32	.579	6 1/2
Toronto	38	38	.500	12 1/2
Boston	35	42	.455	16
Detroit	34	41	.453	16
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	38	34	.528	—
Chicago	39	37	.513	1
Kansas City	36	38	.486	3
Minnesota	35	39	.473	4
Minnesota	34	42	.447	6
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	46	32	.590	—
Anaheim	40	37	.519	5 1/2
Texas	37	39	.487	8
Oakland	33	47	.413	14

Friday's NL results: Chicago 2, Houston 1; Montreal 2, Florida 0; Pittsburgh 6, NY 1; Cincinnati 5, St. Louis 3; Atlanta 7, Philadelphia 1; San Francisco 6, Colorado 3; San Diego 7, Los Angeles 5.

Thursday's NL results: Montreal 5, Florida 2; St. Louis 5, Cincinnati 3; Atlanta 5, Philadelphia 4; Houston 7, Chicago 6 (10); Colorado 7, San Francisco 6; San Diego 9, Los Angeles 7.

Friday's AL results: Detroit 2, Boston 1 (11); NY 3, Cleveland 2; Toronto 2, Baltimore 1; Chicago 10, Minnesota 6; Kansas City 16, Milwaukee 3; Seattle 8, Anaheim 1; Oakland 7, Texas 4.

Thursday's AL results: Detroit 10, Boston 6; Toronto 3, Baltimore 0; Kansas City 4, Milwaukee 3; Chicago 11, Minnesota 1; Oakland 6, Texas 3; Seattle 6, Anaheim 3.

New power source

First base is the spot to look for sluggers

There is no doubt about baseball's current glamor position — just like there is no doubt when Mark McGwire, Frank Thomas, Mo Vaughn or Andres Galaraga gets hold of a grooved fastball.

The first-base bag is filled with first-tenners. The position known for power and prestige has never been stronger.

The American League first-base crop is so deep with sluggers and other superstars that the New York Yankees' Tino Martinez could be in danger of missing the All-Star Game if he slips from his current top spot in fan voting.

Martinez, on a near-50-home-run pace, probably will make it, thanks partly to these outside factors: Mo Vaughn's knee problem is expected to sideline him another three to five weeks, and Martinez's manager, Joe Torre, picks the reserves for the All-Star team. However, the mere thought that Martinez, as hot as they come for two months, could be omitted shows the strength and depth of the position.

After AL home-run leader Ken Griffey Jr. through last week the next five names on the home-run list were first basemen, excluding right fielder Jay Buhner, tied for fifth with two of the first sackers. None of them was Thomas, likely to have his seventh consecutive season of 100 runs, 100 RBI, 100 walks, 20 home runs and a .300 batting average.

People have compared Thomas to Babe Ruth, but the better comparison is Lou Gehrig. Going into this year, his seventh full one, Thomas had 3,291 at-bats, 222 home runs, a .327 batting average and 129 RBIs. Gehrig's figures leading into his seventh year were 3,327, 187, .342 and 806. A virtual dead heat. Historically, first base has always been a position for good hitters," said Seymour Siwoff, head of the Elias Sports Bureau, baseball's official statistics bureau. After reviewing this year and previous years, however, Siwoff found only a few years that compared to this one. One was 1938, when Jimmie Foxx, Hank Greenberg, Hal Trosky, Johnny Mize and Gehrig manned the position.

Another was 1961, when future Hall of Famers Willie McCovey and Harmon Killebrew were joined in an uncharacteristic power fest by American League expansion. Moose Skowron, Norm Cash, Jim Gentile, Roy Sievers, Joe Adcock and Dick Stuart were among the 51 sluggers.

The current crop has six in the superstar category, topped by Thomas and Vaughn. McGwire is lagging behind that two-guns only because of nagging injury problems. Jeff Bagwell, Rafael Palmeiro and Galaraga are the next top names. Galaraga is looking for his 100th home run in his field. Coors Field.



For the Ages

A portrait of cricket great Donald Bradman is unveiled at the Bombay Cricket Stadium Wednesday. Bradman Foundation director Mark Tregoning shakes hands with former Indian cricketer Ajit Wadekar (l) at the ceremony. (Reuters)

Anna Kournikova — one of tennis's new 'brat pack'

By PAUL FEIN

Thank heaven for little girls — as Maurice Chevalier sang in *Gigi* — especially those with an attitude.

Tennis' new baby brigade is bold, brash and beautiful. Sugar and spice and everything nice, they're not. Their credo: Why let your racket do all the talking when a tart tongue can deliver much more delicious devastation?

Cheeky Martina Hingis, the Can't-Miss Swiss, is No. 1 in the rankings but not among some of her peers who resent her arrogance and narcissism. When asked what becoming the youngest winner of a Grand Slam tournament (the Australian Open) meant to her, 16-year-old Hingis replied, "It's just another record for me. I mean, I have so many records already." When Hingis was compared with golf's new superstar, she shot back, "I think I'm even better than Tiger Woods."

Cocksure black American Venus Starr Williams insists she'll dethrone Hingis and then face her toughest competition from her super-athletic sister Serena. She even crows, "I could go beyond No. 1 because there are times when an athlete is just ahead of the rest of the league. That could be me. It's like Michael Jordan in the NBA. He was a step ahead of everyone. With the way I play, and my height and aggressiveness and courage and no fear, I could change the game."

But the undisputed queen bitch of the brat pack is Anna Kournikova, 16. After the more experienced Hingis embarrassed Kournikova 6-0, 6-0 at the 1994 Junior US Open, the Russian reportedly told her: "You won, but I'm prettier and more marketable than you."

Kournikova is presently at Wimbledon, where she has advanced to the third round, beating her first-round foe, Chanda Rubin 6-1, 6-1; and stopping Germany's Barbara Rittner in the second round, 4-6, 7-6(9-7) 6-3.

"Anna is a goddam Dennis Rodman all over again," says her noted coach Nick Bollettieri. "She's a very individualistic girl

who is accountable only to herself. Like Rodman, she isn't outwardly concerned about the world and does whatever she wants to do." Not since teen rebel Andre Agassi has



Martina Hingis

Bollettieri faced the challenge of molding such talent without stifling a headstrong spirit.

The former tough-guy army paratrooper, who once ran his famous Florida tennis academy like a boot camp, has finally met his match in the sassy, blond bombshell. "I've never been able to control her," he admits.

The odd couple hooked up six years ago when Bollettieri was floored by the rambunctious mighty mite from Moscow. "From the moment I met Anna, she was very bold, very aggressive," recalls Bollettieri. "She takes over everything. And she wants it now. She doesn't want to share with other people."

The prima donna with a plan took on and nearly took over the 1990 Kremlin Cup as a pushy 16-year-old. As part of the preliminary event before the night men's matches, Anna was the most talented of a dozen Russian youngsters who were supposed to rotate so everyone would get a chance to strut their stuff before thousands of fans in the huge Olympic Stadium.

"I got advance notice of Anna's attitude when she insisted on headlining every session's exhibition," recalls Gene Scott, who helped organize the pro tournament, in his Tennis Week column.

"She was already not only the group's most gifted, but best show girl, if not show-off, and it was easy to be lured into giving Anna her way. I wasn't the only one beguiled."

Shoving herself into the spotlight paid off. Poppi Vinti, the representative for Ellesse, the Kremlin Cup's official sportswear, rewarded Anna with dresses and shirts, all the better for the preteen queen to show off her pretty, but pouting face and precocious shotmaking. Soon after, she signed one of the earliest sports endorsement contracts with Ellesse. By age 10 she was a client of IMG, the world's biggest sports management company.

Anna is a throwback to the young Jimmy Connors, a tough smart-ass kid from the wrong side of the tracks who, ready for a fight, brought brass knuckles to junior tournaments. As a fearless, pint-sized kid, Anna used to venture into the mean streets of Moscow to find a wall to hit against. Then she'd come back and challenge boys to a match and often beat them.

Anna, lean and fit at 5'6" and 112 pounds, brags that "I can mix it up and do everything."

Indeed, she's a splendid athlete (her mother was a Polish tennis champion and her father a soccer star) blessed with great hands and reflexes that produce groundstroke winners, feathery drop shots and dynamic volleys in doubles net duels.

But unlike Hingis, who hugs the baseline, hits the ball on the rise and opportunistically attacks, Anna often rallies from five or six feet behind the baseline and hits much flatter shots with less margin for error. After Hingis decisively whipped Anna 6-1, 6-3 at the recent French Open, former woman's champion Chris Evert, now a TV analyst for NBC, was disappointed with Anna's performance but said, "We do see a lot of raw talent, untamed talent in Anna. And a little bit of inexperience. She certainly has all the goods, and in time, she'll be playing better and better."

Bollettieri boasted in his autobiography, *My Aces, My Faults*, that "I know I am the best tennis coach in the world," adding

"That's my talent. I help young men and women live up to their ability." However, lately he's questioned whether he, or anyone, can provide the discipline and direction Anna needs to fulfill her potential. "I've never had the authority to take drastic action to curb Anna," Bollettieri complains.

"If the mother (Alla) would say, 'Nick, she's your student totally, then I would do a lot of things 360 degrees differently. The direction she's going in is already mapped out by her and her mother. The same goes for the way she acts on the court. I didn't have anything to do with it. I just told her that when you act that way, be prepared to prove who you are because you're going to get opponents disliking you to the point that they're going to try harder to beat you. I gave her the facts of life."

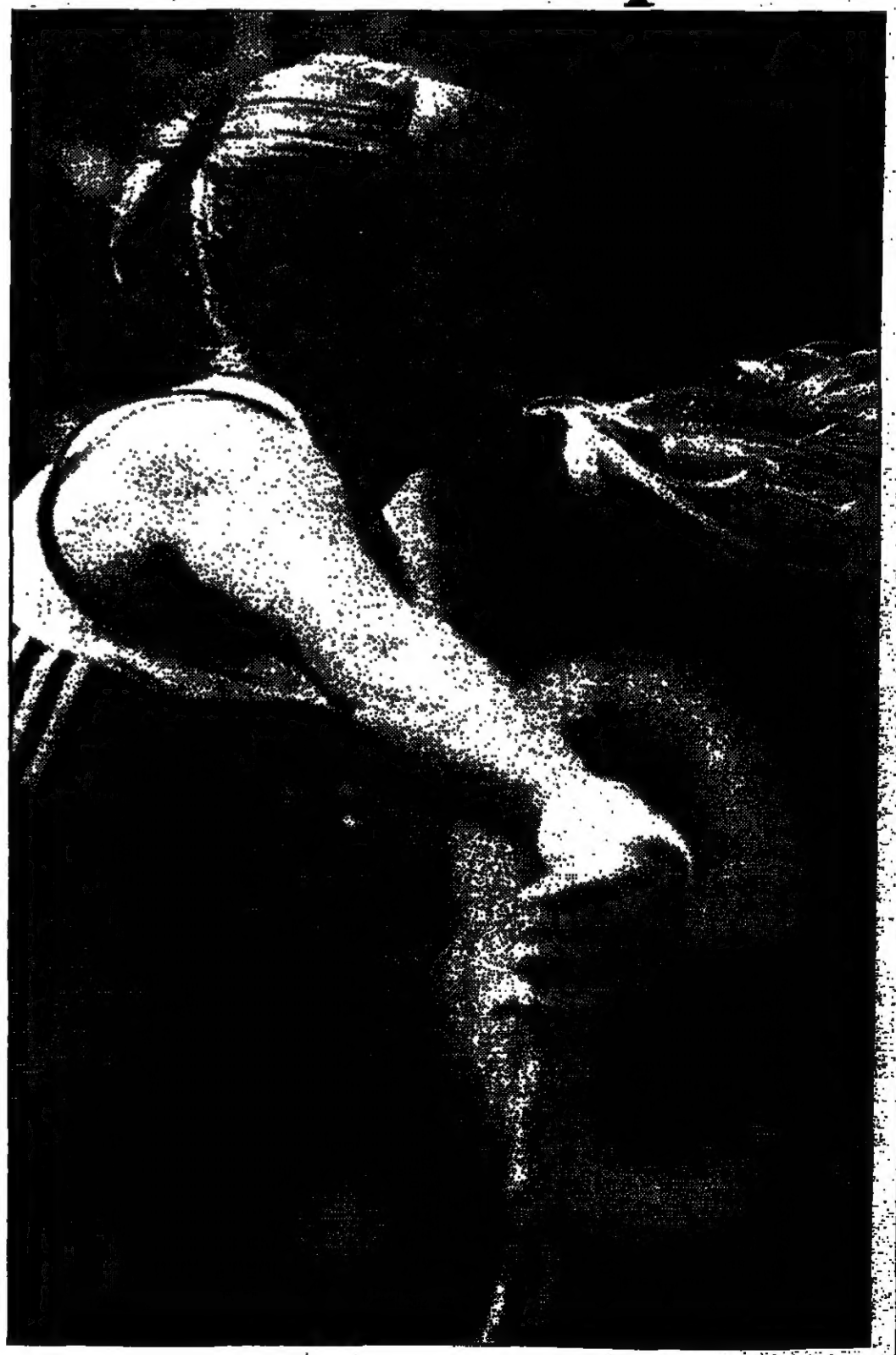
One fact of life that rankles Anna is the age eligibility rule that was designed to protect her. The Women's Tennis Association, fearing more of the premature burnout that ruined the careers of Tracy Austin and Andrea Jaeger and saw Jennifer Capriati self-destruct with drug problems, decided to limit the tournament play of its wondergirls. The rules do not apply to Hingis or Williams because they joined the tour before the restrictions were introduced on January 1, 1995.

But Anna, who turned 16 on June 7, is limited to 10 tour events (plus the season-ending Chase Championships) in the year up to her 17th birthday. "Venus is just coming out and Martina is already there," says impatient Anna, ranked No. 47. "If I could have a little more chance to play, maybe I could be there also. I have to learn how to win and to lose. How can I learn? All I can do is practice."

The WTA's wrongheaded new ranking system — which paradoxically was created to increase tournament participation — further victimizes Anna.

Dumping its point average formula which accurately measured the quality of each player's results, the WTA then adopted a total points system that measures quantity play.

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Anna Kournikova

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Goldman suggests investors "put every number in perspective. You have to step back and look at the overall market."

He noted that the Dow has risen 1,400 points since early April. "Classically, after it has a major tear to the upside, it goes into a consolidation."

And lately, the market has used some big point drops to make those consolidations — so this could be completely normal for the market at this time.

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ISRAEL DISCOUNT BANK Friday.

NEW YORK (AP) — The dollar advanced against the mark to its highest finish in almost 1/2 years on Friday, helped in part by the British pound's strength against the German currency. Against the yen, the dollar made some progress on an overnight rally in Japanese bonds that sent interest rates lower. By the trading day's end in New York, the dollar had risen to 1.7387 marks from 1.7256 on Thursday. Its last close that high came in February 1994. The dollar was trading at 1.4255 yen, up from 113.15 yen. The British pound fell to \$1.6639 from \$1.6653.

"The US dollar itself is really the byproduct by which other currencies are moving," said John Nelson, manager of foreign exchange trading at ABN-AMRO Bank. By itself, the dollar stayed in a range, albeit at the higher end thanks to some strong US economic data.

Renewed optimism about the British economy and the possibility of higher interest rates there lifted the pound to a new 5-year high against the mark.

Word that Britain's current account surplus grew sharply in the first quarter bolstered the outlook for higher interest rates, which might be kicked higher to slow a surging economy.

Comments by German Chancellor Helmut Kohl saying he was certain the new European currency, the euro, would debut as scheduled on January 1, 1999, also helped weaken the mark.

As the dominant currency in Europe, the mark has the most to lose upon the creation of a common currency. The mark has been generally gaining on signs of delay in the establishment of the euro and falling on indications it is moving ahead.

The dollar made progress against the yen on a rally in the Japanese bond market. The benchmark 10-year government bond closed at 104.33 yen, up from 103.62. That knocked its yield, which moves in the opposite direction, down to 2.37% from 2.47%.

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in brief

Four drown over weekend

Two sisters, 10 and 11, drowned yesterday while swimming in Bat Yam. Their bodies were washed ashore last night. Their names were not released.

Samuel Gorwitz, 58, drowned while swimming in Ashkelon yesterday. Other bathers managed to pull him out the water while he was drowning, but he was dead on arrival at Barzilai Hospital.

The body of a 65-year-old man was found on the Jaffa beach yesterday. It appears he drowned, but his body was sent to the Institute of Forensic Medicine at Abu Kabir for an autopsy. *Itm*

Guard dies in Bat-Yam fire

A guard at the Paradise mattress factory in Bat Yam was killed in a fire that broke out in the plant on Thursday night. The man was apparently trapped in the building during the blaze, which took fire-fighters several hours with help of a helicopter to bring under control. It was only Friday morning that rescue workers found his body.

Two fire-fighters and a civilian were taken to Wolfson Hospital in Holon and were treated for smoke inhalation. The fire, whose cause is not known, destroyed the plant. *Itm*

Support sought for emotionally disturbed

Families of the emotionally disturbed pleaded on Thursday for a reordering of the nation's priorities to reverse the serious neglect of psychiatric services and institutions and eliminate the stigma afflicting patients and their loved ones. At the first-ever Beit Hanassi symposium on the mentally ill and their families, Yisrael Eldar, chairman of the National Forum for Families of the Emotionally Disturbed, issued an emotional call for this large but forgotten group.

"The emotionally disturbed are first and foremost human beings whose illness is only one facet in their existence, and they have many other sides to them," he declared at the event, which was attended by President Ezer Weizman and his wife Reuma, Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai and Deputy Health Minister Shlomo Benizri. *Judy Siegel*

Call for absorption center evacuation

Hundreds of Jewish Agency employees are to begin a series of demonstrations today calling for the eviction of 90 families which they say have taken over apartments intended for the absorption of new immigrants at the Mevasseret Zion Absorption Center. The demonstration is due to take place outside the Jewish Agency Assembly at a Jerusalem hotel.

The Jewish Agency filed a petition to the High Court of Justice last Wednesday demanding that the police evict "the trespassers." *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Two injured at haredi protest

Hundreds of haredim gathered at Jerusalem's Kikar Shabbat last night to protest construction at Tel el-Ful, where they claim graves were found. The protesters overturned and set on fire trash bins, as well as threw bottles and stones at police.

A Civil Guard volunteer was seriously injured and taken to Hadassah-University Hospital at Ein Kerem. A cab driver who got caught in the protest also was lightly injured by protesters and had to be taken to Bikur Holim Hospital.

Police arrested four protesters last night. Earlier in the day, police arrested a youth suspected of stoning a car driving on Rehov Bar-Ilan. *Itm*

Court: Children can sue parents for neglect

Children have the right to sue their parents for damages - emotional or physical - suffered due to neglect, abandonment or negligence, the Tel Aviv District Court ruled on Friday, in a precedent-setting decision.

Judge Henia Stein made the ruling in a civil suit filed by two brothers and a sister against their father. The three claimed they were emotionally handicapped because their father had abandoned them to institutions when they were aged a few months to two years, after their mother had committed suicide. *Itm*

Three driving testers indicted

Three testers at the Transportation Ministry's licensing bureau in the North were charged in Haifa Magistrate's Court on Friday with taking bribes and illegally passing students on driving tests. They were identified as Shabbai Mizrahi, 48, of Upper Nazareth; Ya'acov Gal, 48, of Haifa; and Yehuda Asban, 42, of Kiryat Bialik. *Itm*

Czech defense minister arrives

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai is to welcome his Czech counterpart Miloslav Vyborny to Israel this morning. During Vyborny's brief visit, he is to meet with President Ezer Weizman and Defense Ministry officials. He also is scheduled to visit Yad Vashem, defense industries and IDF bases. *Itm*



Remembering Yitzhak Rabin

Members of WIZO's young women's group place stones on the grave of Yitzhak Rabin over the weekend. (Avi Hayoun)

Italian prosecutor asks for life in prison for Priebeke

ROME (AP) - A military prosecutor on Friday demanded life in prison for a former Nazi officer for his role in the massacre of 335 civilians in German-occupied Rome.

In closing his case, prosecutor Antonino Intellisano urged the court to find that ex-SS Capt. Erich Priebeke acted within the aggravating circumstances necessary to override Italy's statute of limitation on murder.

Priebeke, 83, was convicted of murder but cleared of the aggravating circumstances in a

trial, before being acquitted of the same charges by a military court in August. A second trial was ordered on grounds that the first panel of judges was biased in his favor.

The prosecutor also requested a 24-year jail term for Priebeke's 84-year-old co-defendant, former Maj. Karl Hass.

The massacre, carried out in caves outside Rome, came in reprisal for German deaths in a bombing by Italian resistance fighters.

Both Priebeke and Hass have argued that they

had no choice but to take part in the massacre or risk execution themselves.

Intellisano said Priebeke had a key role in the massacre, helping to make up the list of victims, taking part in the killings, and checking the names of the victims as they were shot.

Hass is presumed to have played a more minor role than Priebeke in the murders. But Intellisano requested that the statute of limitations be lifted for Hass too - a necessary step if Hass is to be convicted.

Firing of Berlin's Jewish Museum head unleashes storm

BERLIN (AP) - A long-running dispute over the future of the Jewish Museum in Berlin boiled over on Friday following the firing of its outspoken director, who accused city leaders of harboring "deep hate" toward the portrayal of Jewish history.

The fight centers on whether the Jewish Museum should be a division of the Berlin Museum, as the cash-strapped city wants, or an autonomous institution with its own budget and decision-making powers.

Amnon Barzel, who headed the museum since 1994, said his dismissal by a city board was the clearest signal yet that the Jewish Museum had lost its bid for autonomy.

"They are trying to eliminate the Jewish Museum," Barzel said.

He said the move showed that "still in Berlin, 52 years after the Holocaust, there is a deep hate against [the] showing of the Jewish history and its culture, integrated in the German society."

Barzel said his firing violated his open-ended contract. "I will go to court, I will work on political means and on public means," he said. "I see a huge storm. You cannot fire me because of my ideas."

The Jewish community board in Berlin also criticized the dismissal as reminiscent of "the dark times between 1933 and 1938," and called on the Berlin city council to reverse it.

Currently in temporary quarters, the Jewish Museum is to move in 1999 into an extension to the Berlin Museum, a 120 million mark (\$70m.) project designed by Daniel Libeskind.

When ground was broken in 1993, Barzel said, museum and city officials agreed that the Jewish Museum would become independent of the city museum.

But in 1995, the newly created City Museum Foundation board, established to oversee a merger of more than a dozen small museums in Berlin, decided to again make

the Jewish Museum a division.

Barzel said he supports the "integrated model" of having the institutions together physically, but would not accept losing control over his finances or being required to get approval to stage an exhibition.

Meanwhile, historian Andreas Nachama, who runs "Topography of Terror," an exhibit built over the remains of a Gestapo dungeon in Berlin, has been chosen to head the largest Jewish community in Germany.

The election of 45-year-old Nachama on Wednesday represents a generational shift; he is the first chairman of Berlin's Jewish community board not to have lived through the Holocaust. He replaces Jerzy Kanak, who retired at 75.

Berlin's Jewish community has almost doubled in recent years to about 11,000, due to the influx from eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. Nachama said his primary task will be to better integrate the new arrivals into the community.

Survey: 1/3 of university students try drugs

By JUDY SIEGEL and Itm

A third of university students have tried drugs some time in their lives, and 21 percent did so during the past year, according to a new survey on drug use among young people. The survey was released last week to coincide with World Anti-Drug Day, which was marked on Thursday.

The cabinet, meanwhile, discussed the drug problem at its Friday meeting. The discussion came at the initiative of Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai who, along with Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani, reported on drug use and drug smuggling.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that "of all the country's social problems, the drug problem is the most difficult."

Shlomo Gal, director of the

Winning numbers

In Friday's daily Chance drawing, the winning cards were the jack of spades, the jack of hearts, the king of diamonds and the 10 of clubs.

Animal-rights group opens hot line

The Lev Lehai animal welfare group is opening a weekly hot line from which educational psychologists will advise the public on how to deal with children who abuse animals. The hot line, which will operate Tuesday nights from 8:30 to 10:30, is (03) 605-5150. *Liat Collins*